

***9-day Novena leading up to the celebration of the
coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost***

Day 1: Friday, May 30, 2025

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Holy Spirit, Beloved of my soul, I adore You.

Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen and console me.

Tell me what I ought to do and command me to do it.

**I promise to submit to everything that You ask of me and to accept all that You allow to
happen to me. Just show me what is Your will, O Holy Spirit.**

This powerful and long-standing prayer was composed by Cardinal Mercier.

Pray this Novena for the Sevenfold Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Praying this *Prayer to the Holy Spirit* during the Novena before Pentecost will allow you to develop a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Prayer is the foundation for knowing and following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, especially by allowing times of silence in prayer. Silence leads to awareness and recognition of the inner promptings of the Holy Spirit who will guide your actions toward what is true and good for you. The reading for each day is meant to foster this process.

God's love for you

It is always helpful to become more aware of how much God loves you. St. Paul tells us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us." (Romans 5:5) The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Blessed Trinity. The Holy Spirit was sent by Jesus to live in your heart and bring you closer to Him. It is His power in you that enables you to recognize the voice of Jesus and follow His guidance.



The Holy Spirit coming with great power upon Mary, the Apostles, and the women on Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-4) The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person. The tongues of fire are a Biblical symbol.

Why pray to the Holy Spirit each day?

- To encounter the Person of the Holy Spirit.
- To develop/deepen your relationship with Jesus as He is revealed to you by the Person of the Holy Spirit.
- To grow in an awareness and learn to listen to the inner promptings of the Holy Spirit and practice following His guidance.
- To become more docile to the Holy Spirit and allow the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to be operative in your life.