



MAY 2023 NOVENA to the HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit Novena

May 19-27th, 2023

***Unleashing the Spirit of Synodality
Throughout the Church & World***

(Let's make room for the Holy Spirit!)



What is a "Holy Spirit Novena?"

We all know the story of Pentecost found in Acts, chapter two. But we often forget the important event that took place during the 9 days before Pentecost... In Acts, chapter one, we learn that Jesus told his followers not to leave Jerusalem: "Wait for the fulfillment of my Father's promise." Jesus ascended to heaven and the disciples travelled back to Jerusalem. They returned to the upper room where they had been staying. "Together they devoted themselves to constant prayer." They prayed for 9 days. On the 10th day, Pentecost happened, and the Holy Spirit showed up! These 9 days became the very first novena. A Novena to the Holy Spirit!

Imagine... Women, men and young people, laborers, theologians, and mothers... all intentional disciples of the risen Jesus, gathered to share their faith experiences, listen, and pray for guidance and inspiration! In other words, making room for the Holy Spirit!

How to use this Novena to the Holy Spirit

A Novena to the Holy Spirit is traditionally prayed during the 9 days prior to the Feast of Pentecost, starting on the Friday after the Feast of Ascension Thursday. For 2023, the first day of the Novena begins on Friday, May 19th and ends on Saturday, May 27th. (This novena can also be used any time of year when an outpouring of the Holy Spirit is needed).

The Pentecost Vigil Project has adapted the traditional Holy Spirit Novena to include daily personal reflection questions and a prayer for Pope Francis' preparations for the upcoming Synod on Synodality (October 2023-2024). Pope Francis has called upon the entire world to pray that the Holy Spirit renew us all and guide the Synod preparations.

Catholics are invited to use this Novena to the Holy Spirit for personal prayer or within a small or large group gathering. It has been especially designed to pray as a virtual, online gathering.

Pray with The Pentecost Vigil Project each night at 7:30pm Eastern daylight time on Zoom!

The Pentecost Vigil Project, a non-profit dedicated to Unleashing the Power of the Holy Spirit, will be hosting a live Zoom event for 9 nights, at 7:30pm, beginning Friday, May 19th on Zoom.

Zoom meeting ID: 842 6463 0066 Passcode: 559233

The ID code and Passcode are the same each day. Anyone is welcome to join the prayer. If you have questions, contact pentecostvigilproject@gmail.com or visit pentecostvigilproject.org.