

NOVENA 2018

PRAY WITH THE APOSTLES

Ascension Day → Pentecost

*Acts 1:13–14 tells us that the disciples, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, devoted themselves to **prayer with one accord**. They had just witnessed Jesus' Ascension and were waiting for the Holy Spirit. and praying each day:*

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.**

**Thy blessed unction form above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:**

**Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of Both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song,**

Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Take a moment to pray either silently or aloud, alone or with others. Make use of the Scripture suggestions for the day and the prayer intention if you find these helpful. Then, when you are ready, pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father...



The Society Prayer
Heavenly Father,
bless the bishops, clergy and people of The Society.
Bind us together in love and faith.
Renew us in service and witness.
And by your Holy Spirit
Guide our future and make plain your purposes.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Saint Wilfrid, pray for us.
Saint Hilda, pray for us.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
Look not on our sins, But the faith of your Church,
And graciously grant her peace and unity
In accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with
us all. **Amen**

Prayer to Our Lady of Walsingham

Pray, O holy Mother of God
for the conversion of England,
restoration of the sick,
consolation for the afflicted,
repentance of sinners, peace
to the departed.

O blessed Mary, Mother of
God, our Lady of Walsingham,
intercede for us Amen

FRIDAY MAY 11th Day 1 Intercession for a growth in trust

‘See now, he is the God of my salvation. I have trust and no fear, for the Lord is my strength, my song, he is my salvation.’

Isaiah 12:2

Prayer Intention Pray for a growth in trust that enables those we love, those we care about and those we know to open their hearts to the Holy Spirit, who is the first evangeliser.

SATURDAY MAY 12th Day 2: Intercession for the renewal of the Church

‘In the days to come – it is the Lord who speaks - I will pour out my Spirit upon all mankind. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even on my slaves, men and women, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will display portents in heaven above and signs on the earth below. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great day of the Lord dawns. All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ Joel 3: 1-5

Prayer Intention Pray for the ‘Spirituality of Pentecost’ to renew the Church throughout the world – especially in your continent, nation, diocese, parish and in your own life.

SUNDAY MAY 13th Day 3: Intercession for the unity of Christianity

Come Holy Spirit, unite your church – ‘Father, make them one that the world may believe.’

‘I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you therefore to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.’

Ephesians 4: 1-6

Prayer Intention Pray for reconciliation, the purification of memories and the healing of the Christian body – in the world, in your nation and in your own

MONDAY MAY 14th Day 4: Intercession for the renewal of society

Come Holy Spirit, in your power and might to renew the face of the earth.
Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth – transform society by the power of your Spirit.

‘The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ Luke 4: 18-19

Prayer Intention Pray for the coming of the Kingdom and for the Culture of Life born of the Spirit, to penetrate the whole of society; for governments and those in public office in your continent and nation.

TUESDAY MAY 15th Day 5: Intercession for conversion and holiness

‘We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified; and with those he justified he shared his glory.’ Romans 8: 28-30

Prayer Intention Pray for the conversion of sinners, for growth in holiness and the revelation of God’s glory – in the Church, in the world, in your family and in your life.

WEDNESDAY MAY 16st Day 6: Intercession for reconciliation and healing

And when you stand in prayer, forgive whatever you have against anybody, so that your Father in heaven may forgive your failings too.’ Mark 11:25

Prayer Intention Pray for reconciliation in broken relationships and the healing of life’s hurts. May the peace of Christ that has broken down every dividing wall, lead us into unity. Pray for this for your diocese, parish, family and yourself.

THURSDAY May 17th Day 7: Intercession for empowerment for evangelisation
Renew your wonders in this our day as by a new Pentecost.
Come Holy Spirit, in your power and might to renew the face of the earth.

Come, Holy Spirit, empower us to fulfil your call to be witnesses to the ends of the earth and to be bearers of the Good News.

‘But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ Acts 1:8

Prayer Intention Pray for a new empowerment by the Holy Spirit so that we can be effective witnesses and for a new boldness in bringing the Gospel to the whole of creation; for the work of ‘New Evangelisation’ in the Church.

FRIDAY MAY 18th Day 8: Intercession for the victory of the Holy Cross

‘For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed. The language of the cross may be illogical to those who are not on their way to salvation, but those of us who are on the way see it as God’s power to save.’ 1 Corinthians 1:17-18

Prayer Intention Pray that the victory of the Holy Cross and its saving power be manifested in our lives and proclaimed over all the earth. ‘We adore you O Christ and we bless you; because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

SATURDAY May 19th

Day 9: Intercession for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit and his gifts

‘When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. ‘It is’, he had said, ‘what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’ Acts 1: 4-5

‘There is variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them.’ 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

Prayer Intention Pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life. May the gifts of the Spirit be more fully manifest for building up his body in love and to bring all things in heaven and on earth under his headship.