

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

for Hope & Healing

MAY 14-22, 2021

The Pentecost Novena is the first of all novenas—nine days of focused prayer. After Jesus' Ascension into heaven, He commanded His disciples to come together in the upper room to devote themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1:14). They prayed for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

As we prepare to invite the faithful of Northwest Indiana to "Come Home to Christ," let us invoke the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity to prepare individuals and families to reconnect with their parishes and to deepen their commitment to be joyful missionary disciples.

FIRST DAY PRAYER INTENTION

Come Holy Spirit! Give us a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit within the Diocese of Gary. Let us ask for an end to COVID-19 and inspiration to rouse the Church and awaken each of us as baptized disciples.

In a special way, let us also remember all who have suffered and continue to suffer physically as a result of the COVID-19 virus.

SECOND DAY PRAYER INTENTION

Come Holy Spirit! Give us a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit within the Diocese of Gary. Let us ask the Holy Spirit for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit for the entire Church, but most especially for us in Northwest Indiana.

In a special way, let us also remember all who have experienced loneliness, social isolation, or family disruption during this time of pandemic.

THIRD DAY PRAYER INTENTION

Come Holy Spirit and set the Universal Church—and particularly the Diocese of Gary—on fire to unleash joyful missionary discipleship!

In a special way, let us also remember all who have suffered financial hardship or economic dislocation over the course of the last year.

FOURTH DAY PRAYER INTENTION

Come Holy Spirit, reveal the fullness of truth in and through the Church and set us free!

In a special way, let us also remember all who have experienced social disharmony during this time of pandemic.

FIFTH DAY PRAYER INTENTION

Come Holy Spirit, fill us with Your gifts, for the common good of everyone.

In a special way, let us also remember all who have suffered spiritually during this time of pandemic.

DAILY PRAYERS

OPENING PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created,

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of Your faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOVENA PRAYER (ST. AUGUSTINE)

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

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SIXTH DAY PRAYER INTENTION

Come Holy Spirit and renew Your Gifts in the Universal Church, and most especially within the Diocese of Gary.

In a special way, let us also remember all health care workers, so many of whom sacrificed their own safety and wellbeing on our behalf during this time of pandemic.

SEVENTH DAY PRAYER INTENTION

Come Holy Spirit to renew the grace of baptism throughout the church, especially for all of us in Northwest Indiana.

May we become the witnesses so desperately needed in a barren age which needs healing and hope. Come Holy Spirit, the soul of the Church!

In a special way, let us also remember all teachers and all other essential workers who labored on our behalf over the course of the last year.

EIGHTH DAY PRAYER INTENTION

Come Holy Spirit! Bring healing to the divisions within the one Body of Christ, and any divisions in our families and within the Diocese of Gary. Come, Holy Spirit, source of healing and unity, make us one.

In a special way, let us also remember all who served as the presence of Christ in ministries of various kinds—often under very challenging circumstances—during this time of pandemic.

NINTH DAY PRAYER INTENTION

Come Holy Spirit to guide, empower, teach and equip the Church of Jesus Christ so that we can continue the redemptive mission of Jesus Christ until He returns to establish the Kingdom in its fullness.

In a special way, let us also remember all who died as a result of COVID-19 and for their family members and friends who continue to mourn their loss.