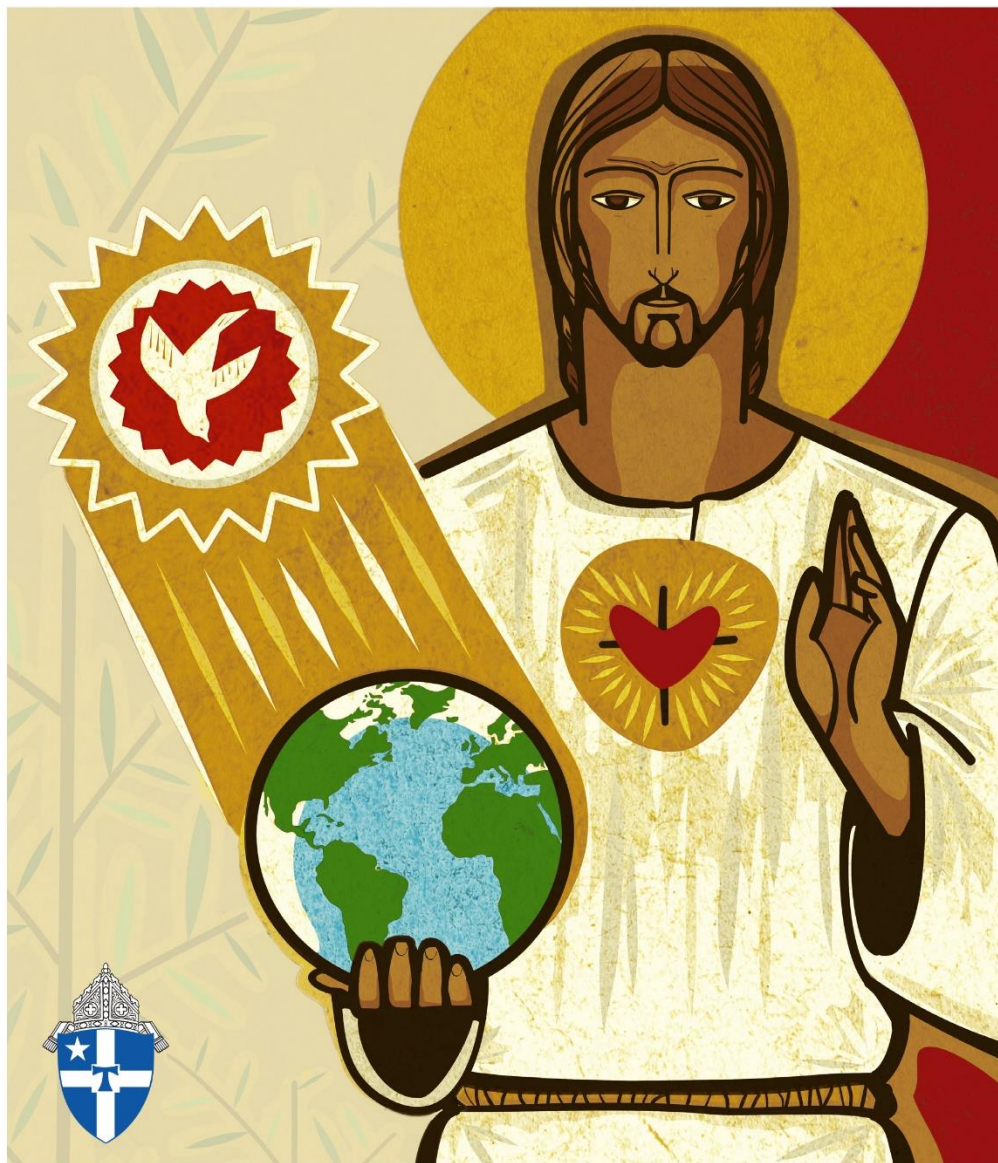


# *Novena to the Holy Spirit*



# NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas

## Day 1

***Leader:*** Welcome to this moment of prayer, which marks the beginning of our Pentecost Novena! With this, we want to prepare ourselves as a community (as a family), together with the whole Church, to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Let us ask for a heart open to his voice and docile to his inspirations. We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***All:*** Holy Spirit, Source of Light, come, visit our hearts, fill them and enlighten them to make us disciples and missionaries of Jesus.

***Leader:*** Now, I invite you to consecrate ourselves to the Holy Spirit.

***All:*** O Holy Spirit, receive the perfect and complete consecration of my whole being. In all my actions, grant me the grace of being my Light, my Guide, my Strength and the Love of my heart.

I surrender myself to You, and I ask You for the grace to be faithful to Your inspirations.

Holy Spirit, transform me through Mary and with Mary into a true image of Christ Jesus, for the glory of the Father, and the salvation of the World. Amen.

***Leader:*** With the following prayer, let us ask for the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

***All:*** Lord Jesus, You who after the resurrection made yourself present to your apostles and promised to send them the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, so that they

would remember your words, grant us that same Holy Spirit to guide us through our daily walk.

Holy Spirit, communicate your seven gifts to us; the **Gift of Wisdom** to help us discern the signs of the times and to live according to the Gospel; the **Gift of Understanding** to open our minds and hearts to discover the presence of God in history, even in moments of darkness; the **Gift of Counsel** to teach us to walk alongside our brothers and sisters, and together promote justice, peace and dignity for every human being; the **Gift of Fortitude** to sustain us to overcome difficulties, and bear witness to Christ with boldness and courage; the **Gift of Knowledge** to guide us to meditate and embody the Word, committing ourselves to the care of life and of our common home;<sup>1</sup> the **Gift of Piety** to accompany us to live our identity as God's children and to encourage us to promote the culture of encounter with a heart of solidarity;<sup>2</sup> the **Gift of Fear of the Lord** to prompt us to experience the unconditional love of God and to be prophets of hope in the midst of the cry of humanity. Amen.

**Our Father...**

**Hail Mary...**

**Glory be...**

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Come, Soul of my soul!

Come, Spirit of God!

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cuando faltan las fuerzas.  
Y aún en medio de la oscuridad  
haz que brille tu Presencia, en mis horas inciertas  
y saberme en el hueco de tus manos, en tu regazo.

**Leader:** Let us end by saying together...

**All:** Ven, Holy Spirit, Ven!  
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Day 2

**Leader:** I invite you to begin our second day of the novena in the presence of the Lord. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**All:** Come, Father of the poor! Come, Giver of gifts! Come, Light of the Hearts!

**Leader:** Holy Spirit, You who penetrate the depths of our hearts, give us the Gift of Wisdom to savor and take delight in everything that is true, “what is good and pleasing” (Rom 12:2) to God, what builds the culture of encounter. You who are the Teacher of the interior life, who make wise the heart of the simple and open it to welcome Jesus, teach us to “discern the signs of the times...” and transform us into “missionary disciples of Jesus, setting us in motion and sending us to do the Father’s will.”<sup>3</sup> Amen.

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**Hail Mary...**

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**Leader:** Now, I invite you to consecrate ourselves to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** O Holy Spirit, receive the perfect and complete consecration of my whole being. In all my actions, grant me the grace of being my Light, my Guide, my Strength and the Love of my heart. I surrender myself to You, and I ask You for the grace to be faithful to Your inspirations.

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<sup>3</sup> Most Rev. Gustavo García-Siller, MSpS, Archbishop of San Antonio, “Transformed by Hope, Let Us Rebuild Our Tomorrow!” A Pastoral Letter to the People of God in the Archdiocese of San Antonio on the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic, 31.

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Day 3

**Leader:** We meet today to invoke the Holy Spirit on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the novena. We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**All:** Come, Comforter! Come, Sweet Guest of our hearts! Come, you who are our rest from work!

**Leader:** Holy Spirit, send us the Gift of Understanding to see, penetrate and understand the meaning of events and history with the eyes of God. May the experiences of the cross not cloud our hearts. Stand particularly by the side of families, so that, amid the uncertainty and loneliness caused especially by the pandemic, they grow in unity, communication and trust. Continue to guide mothers and fathers who “have done all they can to protect their children and reduce the stressful impact they have experienced.”<sup>4</sup> Enlighten also educators and pastoral agents who have had to creatively seek new ways to share their wisdom and faith, “taking advantage of technology and many other common resources.”<sup>5</sup> Amen.

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<sup>4</sup> Ib., 35.

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## Day 4

**Leader:** United as a community (a family), we begin the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the novena in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**All:** Come, Peace that reassures! Come, Comfort in the midst of suffering!  
Come, Refuge when in Pain!

**Leader:** Holy Spirit, may the Gift of Counsel teach us to listen and accompany those who approach us. “Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters; inspire in us words and actions to comfort those who labor and are burdened,”<sup>6</sup> those who are lonely and helpless; help us to be available to those who feel exploited and depressed. Guide especially those who accompany your suffering people, those who promote the rights of immigrants and a dignified life for all, those who do volunteer work in favor of their communities, public servants, and so many members of parish and religious communities who serve those who are in need with a heart full of gratuitous solidarity. Amen.

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Glory be...

**Leader:** Now, I invite you to consecrate ourselves to the Holy Spirit.

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<sup>6</sup> United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, The Roman Missal, Eucharistic Prayer for Use in Masses for Various Needs IV, Jesus, Who Went About Doing Good, Catholic Book Publishing Corp., English translation according to the Amended Third Latin Typical Edition, For Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America, 2010.

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## Day 5

**Leader:** Gathered as one family in Christ, we are preparing to begin the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the novena. We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**All:** Come, Light of our hearts and enlighten the innermost part of our being!

**Leader:** Holy Spirit, send us the Gift of Fortitude, so that we can persevere in our efforts to do good and to overcome adversity, trusting that we are in God's hands and that they are very good hands. Free us from our vain ambitions, heal us from our paralyzing fears, and send us to bear witness to Jesus with boldness and courage. Give this Gift especially to our brothers and sisters who are suffering from any serious illness and other diseases, and to those who live alone. May the consolation that comes from You help them live their moments of pain at peace. Amen.

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## Day 6

**Leader:** Today we begin the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the novena with the confidence that the Holy Spirit assists us and gives us his gifts. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**All:** Purify our hearts from what takes away our peace! Heal us of our fears, selfishness and little generosity! Make us faithful to your inspirations!

**Leader:** Holy Spirit, instill in us the Gift of Knowledge, to discover your calls through the Word of God, circumstances, our brothers and sisters, and creation. Guide us to avoid that which threatens the dignity of life of everything that you have created. And when necessary, give us your light to “change our habits, disciplines, attitudes, relationships, our social and civic life, and even our connection to the world, which is our common home.”<sup>7</sup> Enlighten the whole world, that we may all recognize as brothers and sisters, without discrimination of race or nation, and with sincere hearts seek the kingdom of God, which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Our Father...**

**Hail Mary...**

<sup>7</sup> Most Rev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS, Op. Cit., 43.

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## Day 7

**Leader:** We gather again today to invoke the Holy Spirit together on our 7<sup>th</sup> day of the novena. We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**All:** Come, Spirit who proceeds from the Father and the Son! Enlighten our minds, hearts and wills to transform ourselves into Jesus and to build the Kingdom.

**Leader:** Holy Spirit, Love of the Father and the Son, grant us the Gift of Piety to live as true children of God, and as brothers and sisters to each other. May we live within ourselves moved by the same love that moved Jesus: love for his Father and for humanity. Guide us to promote the “culture of encounter”<sup>8</sup> in our families, our places of work and study, as

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well as in our communities of faith. Help us to put aside our selfishness and intolerance. We want to learn to be “Christ’s healing balm for everyone without distinction.”<sup>9</sup> Help us to grow in generosity, hospitality, tenderness and solidarity, especially toward the most vulnerable. Amen.

**Our Father...**

**Hail Mary...**

**Glory be...**

**Leader:** Now, I invite you to consecrate ourselves to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** O Holy Spirit, receive the perfect and complete consecration of my whole being. In all my actions, grant me the grace of being my Light, my Guide, my Strength and the Love of my heart.

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## Day 8

**Leader:** At this time we take a moment in the day to continue with the novena and get a little closer to the Holy Spirit. We put ourselves in the presence of the Lord, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**All:** Holy Spirit, grant us your gifts to make the Commandment of Love come true.

**Leader:** Come Holy Spirit, instill in us the Gift of Fear of the Lord, so that we may always live under the gaze of the Father and avoid everything that moves us away from communion with God and our brothers and sisters! Grant us to strongly experience the love of God, to “bring the joy of having found the Lord closer to people,”<sup>10</sup> and to console especially our brothers and sisters who suffer, those who do not count for the world, those who are discarded from society. Amen.

**Our Father...**

**Hail Mary...**

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**Leader:** Now, I invite you to consecrate ourselves to the Holy Spirit.

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Day 9

**Leader:** Let us conclude our novena on this day with the confidence that the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Father of the poor, continues to

**accompany us at every moment. We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**All:** Come, Holy Spirit of the Father and of the Son! Come, Spirit of Love, Spirit of filiation! Fill us with peace, trust, strength and joy to bear witness to Jesus and live in “missionary outreach,”<sup>11</sup> especially toward “existential peripheries.”<sup>12</sup>

**Leader:** Holy Spirit, grant us a heart docile to your voice, so that in our words and deeds your fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control may become present. You who are the Master of life, teach us the way, the path to reach Jesus and to “walk in his footprints.” Remind us and make us understand “all that Jesus said.” Give us the grace to learn to “pray and say ‘Father’ to God,”<sup>13</sup> that we may be your instruments and know how to live in communion and solidarity with our brothers and sisters. Amen.

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<sup>11</sup> Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation “Evangelii Gaudium”, Op. Cit., 15.

<sup>12</sup> Pope Francis, video message to youth gathered at the Indiana Convention Center for the National Catholic Youth Conference, November 21, 2019. At the URL: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjlz\\_nRHQco](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjlz_nRHQco)

<sup>13</sup> Pope Francis, Homily on the Solemnity of Pentecost, Vatican Basilica, 8 June 2014. At the URL: [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2014/documents/papa-francesco\\_20140608\\_omelia-pentecoste.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2014/documents/papa-francesco_20140608_omelia-pentecoste.html)

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**Leader:** With the following prayer, let us ask for the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Lord Jesus, You who after the resurrection made yourself present to your apostles and promised to send them the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, so that they would remember your words, grant us that same Holy Spirit to guide us through our daily walk.

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Y aún en medio de la oscuridad

haz que brille tu Presencia, en mis horas inciertas

y saberme en el hueco de tus manos, en tu regazo.

**Leader:** Let us end by saying together...

**All:** Ven, Holy Spirit, Ven!

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