

A FEW THOUGHTS ABOUT:

PENTECOST...

“On the day of Pentecost...Christ’s Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of His fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit of abundance.”

CCC 731

PRAYER...

“The Holy Spirit, whose anointing permeates our whole being, is the interior Master of Christian prayer. He is the artisan of the living tradition of prayer.”

CCC 2672

THE HOLY SPIRIT...

“Through His grace, the Holy Spirit is the first to awaken faith in us and to communicate to us the new life, which is to ‘know the Father and the one whom He has sent, Jesus Christ’.

This knowledge of faith is possible only in the Holy Spirit: to be touched with Christ, we must first have been touched by the Holy Spirit. He comes to meet us and kindles faith in us.”

CCC 683, 684

VENI SANCTE *Spiritus*

A novena to the Holy Spirit
to prepare for the
Solemnity of Pentecost

A FEW AUTHORITATIVE THOUGHTS ABOUT:

CHARISMS...

"Grace is first and foremost the gift of the Spirit who justifies and sanctifies us.

But grace also includes the gifts that the Spirit grants us...special graces, also called charisms... such as the gift of miracles or of tongues - charisms are oriented toward sanctifying grace and are intended for the common good...Charisms are to be accepted with gratitude by the person who receives them and by all members of the Church as well. They are a wonderfully rich grace for the apostolic vitality and for the holiness of the entire body of Christ..."

CCC 799, 800, 2003

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, I do not want you to be uninformed... there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit... to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good... the utterance of wisdom... of knowledge... to another faith... gifts of healing... working of miracles... prophecy... the ability to distinguish between spirits... various kinds of tongues... interpretation of tongues. All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills... Make love your aim, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts..."

1 Cor 12:1, 4-11; 14:1

NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

*Lord Jesus Christ, before Your glorious ascension
You bid your disciples, wait in prayer, until they were clothed
with power from on high by Your Holy Spirit!
Through Your grace we have received the promise
of the Father, that first pledge of our inheritance,
the indwelling presence of Your Holy Spirit.
Inflame our hearts with courage, zeal,
and confidence to bear witness to this mystery.
Stir up the fire, the power and the glory
of Your Spirit at work in us who believe.
Grant us bold, expectant faith and enable us
to joyfully exercise every gift and charism that You
have graciously granted us. May we not only be
instruments of Your signs and wonders, but become
ourselves, signs and wonders of Your mercy and goodness.
Blessed Holy Spirit, in Jesus, empower us to live
for the praise of the glory of the Father's grace!
Amen!*

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*O Holy Spirit, Goodness, Supreme Beauty!
O You whom I adore, O You whom I love!
Consume with Your divine flames
this body and this heart and this soul!
This spouse of the Trinity
who desires only Your will! Amen.*

BLESSED ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Holy Spirit, divine Spirit of light and love,
I consecrate to You my intellect, my heart, my will and
my entire being, for time and for eternity.

Grant me Your wisdom to guide and protect me.
May my intellect be ever docile to Your heavenly
inspirations and to the teaching of the holy
Catholic Church of which You are the infallible guide.

May my heart be ever inflamed with the love of God and
of my neighbour. Clothe me with power from on high!
Anoint every natural gift, talent and supernatural charism
that You have so graciously granted me.

Teach me to listen for and recognize Your promptings, and
by Your grace promptly obey Your inspirations.

Nurture and mature every charism and virtue.
May my body, mind and soul manifest Your love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

May my will be ever in conformity with the divine Will,
and may my whole life be a faithful imitation
of the life and virtues of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom, with the Father and You, Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory for ever. Amen.



Holy Spirit, I adore You and acknowledge here in Your
presence that I am nothing and can do nothing without You.
Come, great Paraclete, Father of the poor, fulfill the promise
of our blessed Savior not to leave me orphaned.

Come into my mind and heart as You descended
on the day of Pentecost upon the holy mother of Jesus
and His first disciples. Spirit of love and Spirit of peace
sanctify my heart, mind and soul more and more.

Graciously grant me that heavenly peace which the world
cannot give. O Mary, resplendent sanctuary
of the Holy Spirit, pray that this same Spirit may always
abide within me. In union with you, may I ever repeat:
O Holy Spirit of life, light and love, may You be known,
adored, loved and praised more and more by all,
now and forever. Amen.