

Novena for the Feast of Pentecost

'Hope in the Future' is an invitation to every Parish in the Diocese to recognise and develop their **missionary identity** and their **call to evangelise**. First and foremost this process needs to be **rooted in prayer and sustained by prayer** which is why we are encouraged **to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit**.

We invite you to join in this Novena of Prayer from
Friday 11th May to Saturday 19th May in preparation
for the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday 20th May

'Pentecost is not over. In fact it is continuously going on in every time and in every place because the Holy Spirit desired to give Himself to all and all who want Him can always receive Him, so we do not envy the apostles and the first believers; we only have to dispose ourselves like them to receive Him well, and He will come to us as He did to them.'

Words of Blessed Elena Guerra, founder of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit, to Pope Leo XIII

In response, the Pope asked the Church to celebrate a novena every year between the Ascension and Pentecost.

Each day, begin by invoking the Holy Spirit using the prayer of Pope John XXIII

Renew your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost.

Grant to your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of Blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Saviour, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace.

Amen

Day One: Intercession for a growth in Trust

'See now, He is the God of my salvation. I have trust and no fear.' Isaiah 12:2

Holy Spirit, awaken the whole human race and help us to build bridges of trust that open our hearts to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Day Two: 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.' Joel 3:1

Come Holy Spirit, rekindle your fire and renew your Church.

Day Three: Intercession for the Unity of Christianity

'I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you therefore to lead a life worthy of your vocation.' Ephesians 4:1

Come Holy Spirit, unite your Church— 'Father, make them one that the world may believe.'

Day Four: Intercession for the Renewal of Society

'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.' Luke 4:18

Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth—transform society by the power of your Spirit.

Day Five: Intercession for Conversion and Holiness

'We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with those who love Him.' Romans 8:28

Come Holy Spirit, let faith and hope arise in the hearts of the people and let your glory be manifested in your Church.

Day Six: 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

Come Holy Spirit, help us to live together in unity, humility and love.

Day Seven: Intercession for Empowerment for Evangelisation

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses.' Acts 1:8

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.

Day Eight: Intercession for the Victory of the Holy Cross

'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 1:18

Come Holy Spirit, let your victory be proclaimed and your glory revealed.

Day Nine: Intercession for a New Outpouring of the Holy Spirit & His Gifts

'There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord.' 1 Corinthians 12:4,5

Come Holy Spirit, in your power and might, renew your wonders in this our day as by a new Pentecost.