

Suggested Uses

This text may be used whenever people gather during the nine days of the novena. It could be prayed before or after Mass or other liturgies or as part of other meetings.

Additional Resources:

A longer Pentecost Novena service and other resources are also available via the NORES office or from the Northampton Diocesan website Evangelisation section. Please see www.northamptondiocese.org (faith).

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PREPARING FOR PENTECOST 2014



A Short Pentecost Novena Prayer Service

Friday 30th May to
Saturday 7th June 2014



*“The Holy Spirit also grants the courage to
proclaim the newness of the Gospel with
boldness in every time and place,
even when it meets with opposition.*

Let us call upon him today, firmly rooted in prayer...”

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 259



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A hymn to the Holy Spirit may be included at the beginning/end as desired.

Leader: We begin our prayer with the sign of the cross by which we are saved and brought to share in the new life of Easter.

+ The Sign of the Cross+

*Leader: In the beginning, at creation, you hovered over the water.
All: Come Holy Spirit, as by a New Pentecost.*

*Leader: You breathed into Adam a breath of life.
All: Come Holy Spirit, Breath of God, breathe in us today.*

*Leader: You are the water of life for which we thirst, the river of life that brings us fruitfulness and joy.
All: Come Holy Spirit flow freely in your Church.*

*Leader: You anointed the prophets and kings.
All: Come Holy Spirit and anoint us for your service. Send us anew to bring good news to the poor.*

*Leader: To Elijah you came with the sound of a gentle breeze, to the Apostles with the sound of a mighty wind.
All: Come Holy Spirit, in your gentleness and might.*

*Leader: You overshadowed Mary at the Annunciation.
All: Overshadow us today with your power, that the will of God may be accomplished in us and through us.*

*Leader: You appeared as a dove at the baptism of Jesus Christ.
All: Come Spirit of peace; fill the world anew with the gift of your peace.*

Leader: Holy Spirit you came at Pentecost fulfilling the promise of the Father. You filled the disciples of Jesus who had gathered in prayer and appeared with tongues of fire.

All: Come Holy Spirit lead us anew to Jesus Christ. May we be baptised with Holy Spirit and fire.

*Leader: Holy Spirit you are the love of God poured into our hearts.
All: Come Holy Spirit and make us one. Fill us and empower us with your presence that we may live in love as sons and daughters of God.*

We now have a short time of silence before and after our Scripture reading:

Scripture Reading:

Please choose one of the readings below or a suitable alternative:

Luke 24:44-49

Acts 1:6-14

Acts 2:1-4

Acts 2:14-21

Concluding Prayers

-Our Father

-Our Lady, Spouse of the Holy Spirit- pray for us

-Glory be

*All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.*

Leader: Let us pray:

All: 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 your consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.