

Step 1: PREPARATION

- Set aside 10-20 minutes for each of the nine days before Pentecost Sunday.
- Do this either alone or with others in your household.
- Have ready a Bible, this folder, and your journal.

Step 2: SONG: "COME HOLY GHOST"



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And in our
2. O Com - fort - er, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n - ly
3. O Ho - ly Ghost, through thee a - lone Know we the
4. Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly



hearts take up thy rest; Come with thy grace
gift of God most high, Thou fount of life,
Fa - ther and the Son; Be this our firm
Spir - it with them one; And may the Son



and heav'n - ly aid To fill the hearts which thou hast
and fire of love, And sweet a - noint - ing from a -
un - chang - ing creed, That thou dost from them both pro -
on us be - stow All gifts that from the Spir - it



made, To fill the hearts which thou hast made.
bove, And sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove.
ceed, That thou dost from them both pro - ceed.
flow, All gifts that from the Spir - it flow.

Text: *Veni Creator Spiritus*; attr. to Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. by Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt.
Tune: LAMBILLOTTE, LM with repeat; Louis Lambillotte, SJ, 1796–1855; harm. by Richard Proutx, 1937–2010

Step 3: READING THE WORD OF GOD

- Read aloud the chosen text.

DAY 1: Genesis 2:4b-10, 18, 21-25

- The Lord breathed into the man the breath of life.

DAY 2: Genesis 11:1-9

- It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.

DAY 3: Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b

- The LORD came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.

DAY 4: Proverbs 8:22-31

- I was beside him, like a master worker; rejoicing before him always.

DAY 5: Jeremiah 31:31-34

- I will make a new covenant, written on their hearts.

DAY 6: Ezekiel 37:1-14

- Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.

DAY 7: Joel 2:28-32 [RSV]

Joel 3:1-5 [CEV, JB, NAB]

- I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.

DAY 8: Romans 8:22-27

- The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

DAY 9: John 7:37-39

- Rivers of living water will flow.

Step 4: REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

- Spend some time in silence.
- Talk with others about what struck you in the reading and in the silence.
- Write in your journal.



Step 5: CONCLUDING PRAYER

- V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
R. And kindle 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.

Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your
faithful.

In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your
consolation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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A PENTECOST NOVENA

- Nine days to prepare for the solemnity of Pentecost, the 50th day of Easter.
- Nine days to pray that the Holy Spirit will work through our lives.
- Nine days that begin on the Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter and end on the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday, that last day of the Easter Season:

06-14 May 2016
25 May-03 June 2017
11-19 May 2018
30-May-08 June 2019
22-30 May 2020
14-22 May 2021