

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 as part of other liturgies or meetings or at home.

Additional Resources:

Longer Pentecost Novena services and other resources are also available via the NORES office or from the Northampton Diocesan website Evangelisation section. Please see www.northamptondiocese.org ('Faith' then 'Evangelisation').

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PREPARING FOR PENTECOST



“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 and/or 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 anointed the prophets and kings.
All: Come Holy Spirit, 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 are the living water, the river of life that brings fruitfulness and joy.
All: Come Holy Spirit, flow freely in your Church.*

*Leader: You overshadowed Mary at the Annunciation.
All: Come Holy Spirit, 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 Holy Spirit, fill the world anew with the gift of your peace.*

Leader: 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 the Holy Spirit and fire.

*Leader: You are the love of God poured into our hearts.
All: Come Holy Spirit, 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 us the fire of your love.*

Send forth your Spirit and we 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.