HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

MEDJUGORIE HOLY SPIRIT READINGS

Novena to the Holy Spirit, Day 1

Our Lady speaks:

May 25, 1993

"Dear children! Today I invite you to open yourselves to God by means of prayer so the Holy Spirit may begin to work miracles in you and through you. I am with you and I intercede before God for each one of you because, dear children, each one of you is important in my plan of salvation. I invite you to be carriers of good and peace. God can give you peace only if you convert and pray. Therefore, my dear little children, pray, pray, pray and do that which the Holy Spirit inspires you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Our Lady speaks:

September 25, 2015

"Dear children! Also today I am praying to the Holy Spirit to fill your hearts with a strong faith. Prayer and faith will fill your heart with love and joy and you will be a sign for those who are far from God. Little children, encourage each other to prayer with the heart, so that prayer may fulfill your life; and each day, you, little children, will be, above all, witnesses of serving God in adoration and of your neighbor in need. I am with you and intercede for all of you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Our Lady speaks:

April 25, 2015

"Dear children! I am with you also today to lead you to salvation. Your soul is restless because your spirit is weak and tired from all worldly things. You, little children, pray to the Holy Spirit that He may transform you and fill you with His strength of faith and hope, so that you may be firm in this battle against evil. I am with you and intercede for you before my Son Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call..."

Our Lady speaks:

April 2, 2014

"Dear children, with a motherly love I desire to help you with your life of prayer and penance to be a sincere attempt at drawing closer to my Son and His divine light – that you may know how to separate yourselves from sin.

Every prayer, every Mass and every fasting is an attempt at drawing closer to my Son, a reminder of His glory and a refuge from sin – it is a way to a renewed union of the good Father and His children.

Therefore, my dear children, with hearts open and full of love, cry out the name of the Heavenly Father that He may illuminate you with the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit you will become a spring of God's love. All those who do not know my Son, all those thirsting for the love and peace of my Son, will drink from this spring. Thank you.

Pray for your shepherds. I pray for them and I desire that they may always feel the blessing of my motherly hands and the support of my motherly heart."

In this message Our Lady calls us to separate from the world, and live a life of prayer and penance. Why? She wants us to be free of all influences that would distract us from God and lead us to sin. And then, she wants us to cry out to the Heavenly Father, for Him to fill us with the Holy Spirit! "Father, send us your Holy Spirit!"

Our Lady speaks about the Spirit and prayer:

May 25, 2003

"Dear children! Also today I call you to prayer. Renew your personal prayer, and in a special way pray to the Holy Spirit to help you pray with the heart. I intercede for all of you, little children, and call all of you to conversion. If you convert, all those around you will also be renewed and prayer will be a joy for them. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Our Lady speaks about the Spirit's plan for each of us:

May 25, 1998

"Dear children! Today I call you, through prayer and sacrifice, to prepare yourselves for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Little children, this is a time of grace and so, again, I call you to decide for God the Creator. Allow Him to transform and change you. May your heart be prepared to listen to, and live, everything which the Holy Spirit has in His plan for each of you. Little children, allow the Holy Spirit to lead you on the way of truth and salvation towards eternal life. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Our Lady speaks about the Spirit's wisdom for each of us:

May 25, 2001

"Dear children! At this time of grace, I call you to prayer. Little children, you work much but without God's blessing. Bless and seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to lead you at this time so that you may comprehend and live in the grace of this time. Convert, little children, and kneel in the silence of your hearts. Put God in the center of your being so that, in that way, you can witness in joy the beauty that God continually gives in your life. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Our Lady speaks about the Spirit working in our families:

April 25, 2005

"Dear children! Also today, I call you to renew prayer in your families. By prayer and the reading of Sacred Scripture, may the Holy Spirit, who will renew you, enter into your families. In this way, you will become teachers of the faith in your family. By prayer and your love, the world will set out on a better way and love will begin to rule in the world. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Our Lady prays to the Holy Spirit for us:

June 25, 2002

"Dear children! Today I pray for you and with you that the Holy Spirit may help you and increase your faith, so that you may accept even more the messages that I am giving you here in this holy place. Little children, comprehend that this is a time of grace for each of you; and with me, little children, you are secure. I desire to lead you all on the way of holiness. Live my messages and put into life every word that I am giving you. May they be precious to you because they come from Heaven. Thank you for having responded to my call."

POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II PRAYER

(ADAPTED FOR PENTECOST)

Blessed are you, Father,
Who, in your infinite love,
Gave us your only-begotten Son.
By the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate
In the spotless womb of the Virgin Mary
And was born in Bethlehem
Two thousand years ago.

He became our companion on life's path
And gave new meaning to our history,
The journey we make together
In toil and suffering, In faithfulness and love,
Towards the new heaven and the new earth
Where You, once death has been vanquished, will be all in all.

By your grace, O Father, may this Pentecost
Be a time of deep conversion
And joyful return to you.
May it be a time of reconciliation between people,
And of peace restored among nations,
A time when swords are beaten into ploughshares
And the clash of arms gives way to songs of peace.
Father, grant that we may live this time of Pentecost
Docile to the voice of the Holy Spirit
Faithful to the way of Christ,

Diligent in listening to your Word And in approaching the wellsprings of grace.

Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
Strengthen the Church's commitment
to the new evangelization
And guide our steps along the pathways of the world,
To proclaim Christ by our lives,
And to direct our earthly pilgrimage
Towards the City of heavenly light.

May Christ's followers show forth their love
For the poor and the oppressed;
May they be one with those in need
And abound in works of mercy;
May they be compassionate towards all,
That they themselves may obtain indulgence
And forgiveness from you.
Father, grant that your Son's disciples, purified in memory
And acknowledging their failings,
May be one, that the world may believe.
May dialogue between the followers
Of the great religions expand,

May the intercession of Mary, Mother of your faithful people, Along with St. Joseph, father and protector of your people, In union with the prayers of the Apostles, the Christian martyrs,

And may all people discover the joy of being your children.

And the righteous of every people and every age, Make this Pentecost a time of renewed hope And of joy in the Holy Spirit For each of us and for the whole Church.

To you, Almighty Father, Creator of the Universe And of all Humanity,
Through Christ, the Living One, Lord of time and history,
In the Spirit who makes all things holy,
Be praise and honor and glory
Now and forever. **Amen.**

NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE DAY

FIRST DAY

The Holy Spirit

Only one thing is important – eternal salvation. Only one thing, therefore, is to be feared – sin. Sin is the result of ignorance, weakness, and indifference. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Light, of Strength, and of Love. With His sevenfold gifts He enlightens the mind, strengthens the will, and inflames the heart with love of God. To ensure our salvation we ought to invoke the Divine Spirit daily, for "The spirit helps our infirmity. We know not what we should pray for as we ought. But the Spirit Himself asks for us."

Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and the Holy Spirit, and has given us forgiveness of all sins, vouchsafe to send forth from heaven upon us Your sevenfold Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Council and Fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety, and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear. Amen.

SECOND DAY

The Gift of Fear

The gift of Fears fills us with a sovereign respect for God and makes us dread nothing so much as to offend Him by sin. It is a fear that arises, not from the thought of hell, but from sentiments of reverence and filial submission to our heavenly Father. It is the fear that is the beginning of wisdom, detaching us from worldly pleasures that could in any way separate us from God. "They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts, and in His sight will sanctify their souls."

Prayer

Come, O blessed Spirit of Holy Fear, penetrate my inmost heart, that I may set you, my Lord and God, before my face forever, help me to shun all things that can offend You, and make me worthy to appear before the pure eyes of Your Divine Majesty in heaven, where You live and reign in the unity of the ever-Blessed Trinity, God world without end. Amen.

THIRD DAY

The Gift of Piety

The gift of Piety begets in our hearts a filial affection for God as our most loving Father. It inspires us to love and respect for His sake persons and things consecrated to Him, as well as those who are vested with His authority, His Blessed Mother and the Saints, the Church and its visible Head, our parents and superiors, our country, and its rulers. He who is filled with the gift of Piety finds the practice of his religion not a burdensome duty, but a delightful service. Where there is love, there is no labor.

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart. Enkindle there-in such a love for God, that I may find satisfaction only in His service, and for His sake lovingly submit to all legitimate authority. Amen.

FOURTH DAY

The Gift of Fortitude

By the gift of Fortitude, the soul is strengthened against natural fear and supported to the end on the performance of duty. Fortitude imparts to the will an impulse and energy which move it to undertake without hesitancy the most arduous tasks, to face gangers, to trample under foot human respect, and to endure without complaint the slow martyrdom of even lifelong tribulation. "He that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved."

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity, sustain my efforts after holiness, strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies, that I may never be overcome and separated from Thee, my God and greatest Good. Amen.

FIFTH DAY

The Gift of Knowledge

The gift of Knowledge enables the soul to evaluate created things at their true worth—in their relation to God. Knowledge unmasks the pretense of creatures, reveals their emptiness, and points out their only true purpose as instruments in the service of God. It shows us the loving care of God even in adversity and directs us to glorify Him in every circumstance of life. Guided by its light, we put first things first, and prize the friendship of God beyond all else. "Knowledge is a fountain of life to him that possesses it."

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father, show me the nothingness of earthly things, that I may realize their vanity and use them only for Thy glory and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to Thee, and Thy eternal rewards. Amen.

SIXTH DAY

The Gift of Understanding

Understanding, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, helps us to grasp the meaning of the truths of our holy religion BY faith we know them, but by Understanding we learn to appreciate and relish them. It enables us to penetrate the inner meaning of revealed truths and through them to be quickened to newness of life. Our faith ceases to be sterile and inactive but inspires a mode of life that bears eloquent testimony to the faith that is in us; we begin to "walk worthy of God in all things pleasing and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten our minds, that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation; and may merit at last to see the eternal light in Thy Light; and in the light of glory to have a clear vision of Thee and the Father and the Son. Amen.

SEVENTH DAY

The Gift of Counsel

The gift of Counsel endows the soul with supernatural prudence, enabling it to judge promptly and rightly what must be done, especially in difficult circumstances. Counsel applies the principles furnished by Knowledge and Understanding to the innumerable concrete cases that confront us in the course of our daily duty as parents, teachers, public servants, and Christian citizens. Counsel is supernatural common sense, a priceless treasure in the quest of salvation. "Above all these things, pray to the Most High, that He may direct thy way in truth."

Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide me in all my ways, that I may always do Thy holy will. Incline my heart to that which is good; turn it away from all that is evil, and direct me by the straight path of Thy commandments to that goal of eternal life for which I long. Amen.

EIGHTH DAY

The Gift of Wisdom

Embodying all the other gifts, as charity embraces all the other virtues, Wisdom is the most perfect of the gifts. Of wisdom it is written "all good things came to me with her, and innumerable riches through her hands." It is the gift of Wisdom that strengthens our faith, fortifies hope, perfects charity, and promotes the practice of virtue in the highest degree. Widom enlightens the mind to discern and relish things divine, in the appreciation of which earthly joys lose their savor, while the Cross of Christ yields a divine sweetness according to the words of the Savior: "Take up your cross and follow me, for my yoke is sweet and my burden light."

Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to my soul the mysteries of heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, power, and beauty.

Teach me to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Help me to attain them and possess them forever. Amen.

NINTH DAY

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

The gifts of the Holy Spirit perfect the supernatural virtues by enabling us to practice them with greater docility to divine inspiration. As we grow in the knowledge and love of God under the direction of the Holy Spirit, our service becomes more sincere and generous, the practice of virtue more perfect. Such acts of virtue leave the heart filled with joy and consolation and are known as Fruits of the Holy Spirit. These Fruits in turn render the practice of virtue more attractive and become a powerful incentive for still greater efforts in the service of God, to serve Whom is to reign.

Prayer

Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Thy heavenly fruits, Thy charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, faith, mildness, and temperance, that I may never weary in the service of God but by continued faithful submission to Thy inspiration my merit to be united eternally with Thee in the love of the Father and the Son. Amen.

HOLY ROSARY WITH HOLY SPIRIT OFFICE

(INTEGRATED)

FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE RESURRECTION

Heavenly Father, as we offer you this mystery, we pray that the Light of the Resurrection will shine upon our souls, renewing us daily with the knowledge and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

Through the intercession of Joseph and Mary, may we deepen our faith in the mysteries of God.

AFTER ROSARY DECADE 1

May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds and our hearts. **Amen.**

Gabriel, Archangel, came
To a world in wait,
And brought with him the fruitful grace
Of Heaven's Advocate;

The Blessed Virgin
to prepare For Her exalted state—
May that creative, fruitful grace
The hearts of pilgrims inundate.

Born of a Virgin, Christ Our Lord On Calvary was crucified; But on the third day He appeared— Resurrected, glorified.

And then in awe and admiration,
His disciples testified,
They witnessed His ascent on High—
Virtue's efforts justified.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created. And Thou shall renew the face of the earth.

SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE ASCENSION

Heavenly Father, as we offer you this mystery, we pray that we trust in Jesus who has ascended into Heaven to intercede for us and to prepare a place for our souls, and we trust in His Promise that You will send the Holy Spirit to anoint the world anew in a Second Pentecost.

Through the intercession of Joseph and Mary, may we grow in the joy of the Lord in trust-filled hope.

AFTER ROSARY DECADE 2

May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds and our hearts. **Amen.**

From Heaven to Jerusalem
God's Paraclete was sent;
To Apostles hidden there in fright
His loving comfort went.

From fear to ardent charity
Transformed by His descent—
To leave them orphans in this world
His Love would not consent.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created. And Thou shall renew the face of the earth.

THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Heavenly Father, as we offer you this mystery, we pray that the little spark of love that you placed in our hearts at baptism may grow constantly as we adore you, and as we love our neighbor. Anoint us Lord with the fire of your Divine Love.

Through the intercession of Joseph and Mary purify us, heal us, bless us and sanctify us with the Power of your Holy Spirit.

AFTER ROSARY DECADE 3

May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds and our hearts. **Amen.**

Seven gifts were there received
By those who knelt in prayer;
And spread with zeal throughout the world
In journeys everywhere.

Neither pains nor martyrdom
Did these disciples scare,
As virtues bloomed from seeds they sowed
Through preaching here and there.

O Holy Spirit, Fount of Life, Gift Divine, God's charity, Comforter of those who mourn: These names reflect Thy dignity.

Delight of all the Heavenly Hosts, Unction, fire, benignity! In Heaven may Thy majesty Be praised for all eternity.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy Love.

Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created. And Thou shall renew the face of the earth.

FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE ASSUMPTION

Heavenly Father, as we offer you this mystery, we pray that we can obtain a great love for Our Lady. We acknowledge her dignity as the perfect daughter of God, the Mother of God the Son and the Heavenly Spouse of God the Holy Spirit.

Through the intercession of Joseph and Mary, may we grow in the virtues of: humility, purity, charity, obedience, detachment from the world, prudence, silence, patience, prayer and contemplation.

AFTER DECADE 4

May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds and our hearts. **Amen.**

Eternal Father's mighty Arm,
For grace our invocation;
And Lucifer and his brigade
Are hurled to their damnation.

Wisdom, Unction, Heavenly Light, Accept the veneration
Of those of us who turn to Thee
In hope and expectation.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy Love.

Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created. And Thou shall renew the face of the earth.

FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE CORONATION

Heavenly Father, as we offer you this mystery, we pray that we may keep our spiritual eyes fixed on the things of Heaven and pray that the Kingdom of Heaven be enthroned in our hearts as we open them to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Through the intercession of Joseph and Mary, grant us the grace of final perseverance.

AFTER DECADE 5

May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds and our hearts. **Amen.**

Love of the Father and the Son,
Come always, come and aid us;
Come quickly now and guide our steps
And let Thy light pervade us;

So when the Judge of all mankind On Justice's scales has weighed us, May He have, forevermore, To Thy right side conveyed us.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy Love.

Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created And Thou shall renew the face of the earth.

LITANY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Father all-powerful, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Eternal Son of the Father, Redeemer of the world, save us. Spirit of the Father and the Son, boundless life of both, sanctify us. Holy Trinity, hear us.

Holy Spirit, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, **enter our hearts.**

Holy Spirit, Who art equal to the Father and the Son, enter our hearts.

Promise of God the Father, have mercy on us.

Ray of heavenly light, have mercy on us.

Author of all good, have mercy on us.

Source of heavenly water, have mercy on us.

Consuming fire, have mercy on us.

Ardent charity, have mercy on us.

Spiritual unction, have mercy on us.

Spirit of love and truth, have mercy on us.

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, have mercy on us.

Spirit of counsel and fortitude, have mercy on us.

Sprit of knowledge and piety, have mercy on us.

Spirit of fear of the Lord, have mercy on us.

Spirit of grace and prayer, have mercy on us.

Spirit of peace and meekness, have mercy on us.

Spirit of modesty and innocence, have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, the Comforter, have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Who governs the Church, have mercy on us.

Gift of God, the Most High, have mercy on us.

Spirit Who fills the universe, have mercy on us.

Spirit of adoption of the children of God. have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, inspire us with horror of sin.

Holy Spirit, come and renew the face of the earth.

Holy Spirit, shed Thy light in our souls.

Holy Spirit, engrave Thy law in our hearts.

Holy Spirit, inflame us with the flame of Thy love.

Holy Spirit, open to us the treasures of Thy graces.

Holy Spirit, teach us to pray well.

Holy Spirit, enlighten us with Thy heavenly inspirations.

Holy Spirit, **lead us in the way of salvation.**

Holy Spirit, grant us the only necessary knowledge.

Holy Spirit, inspire in us the practice of good.

Holy Spirit, grant us the merits of all virtues.

Holy Spirit, make us persevere in justice.

Holy Spirit, be Thou our everlasting reward.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, send us Thy Holy Spirit.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, pour down into our souls the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, grant us the Spirit of wisdom and piety.

V. Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of Thy faithful,

R. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

Let us pray: Grant, O merciful Father, that Thy Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame and purify us, that He may penetrate us with His heavenly dew and make us fruitful in good works, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, lives and reigns, forever and ever. **Amen.**