

Thy Kingdom Come!
Novena of Pentecost, 2016

Jesus Christ, our King, as members of the same family we unite ourselves in prayer with Mary and the apostles of yesterday and today in anticipation of Pentecost.

We gaze upon you, raised up on the Cross and exalted at the right hand of the Father. In the water that springs forth from your pierced Heart we see fulfilled the prophecy of the river which flows from right side of the Temple, bringing life and fruitfulness wherever it flows. We thirst for this living water.

V/ Spirit of truth, you open our minds to understand the Scriptures in our life. You help us recognize the face of Christ who walks with us. We ask you that we, as witnesses of the Kingdom, may live no longer for ourselves,

R/ *but for Christ, who died and rose from the dead to be our source of new life.*

V/ Spirit of love, you reveal to us our identity as sons and daughters. You restore our communion with our brothers and sisters. Grant us to live as signs of the Kingdom, channels of the unity and charity that come from you,

R/ *so that all may be one as you are one with Christ and with the Father.*

V/ Spirit of hope, you inflame our love and give us the abundance of divine mercy as the source of our confidence. Make us more enthusiastic to preach your Kingdom, not depending upon our own strength,

R/ *but upon the strength of Christ, the Good Shepherd, who gives his life for his sheep.*

Friday, May 6:

Lord Jesus, help us to experience what the Samaritan woman did when she discovered that you offer to everyone the water that heals wounds, quenches all thirst, and acts a source of living water for our brothers and sisters.

V/ May the water of your Spirit well up in our hearts,

R/ *and may the gift of your love transform us into new men and women.*

Saturday, May 7:

Lord Jesus, speak to us of the gift of being born again of water and the Spirit as you did to Nicodemus, the Pharisee searching for the Kingdom. Help us to realize that to know you we have to overcome our human ways of thinking. May we learn to accompany you courageously in the hour of suffering as Nicodemus did.

V/ May the scandal of the Cross not blind us,

R/ *and may the gift of your love transform us into new men and women.*

Sunday, May 8:

Mary our Mother, you took shelter under the shadow of the Spirit. Pray that we might be docile to the Guest of our soul and let him mold our hearts. You experienced the fecundity of the Spirit in your very flesh and saw it poured out upon the apostles on Pentecost.

V/ Lord Jesus, intercede for us so we can recognize and proclaim the wonders that God has done in us,

R/ *and may the gift of your love transform us into new men and women.*

Monday, May 9:

United as one body while awaiting Pentecost, we pray, Lord Jesus, for all our brothers and sisters in need. May the great gift of your Spirit, which you commanded us to wait for, act as a cure for their doubts, wounds and solitude. May we realize that you are seeking us, as you sought Saint Thomas, and inviting us to renew our confidence.

V/ Lord, pour out your spirit on all members of the Regnum Christi Movement,
R/ *that it might bring forth new apostles to bear your Gospel to the ends of the earth.*

Tuesday, May 10:

Lord Jesus, help us to receive the Spirit with openness like Saint Barnabas, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit. We want to recognize your action in our brothers and sisters as Barnabas did. May the Spirit open our eyes to recognize and accept the gifts of others, just as Barnabas did when he sought out Paul and brought him into the ministry of preaching.

V/ Lord, pour out your spirit on all members of the Regnum Christi Movement,
R/ *that it might bring forth new apostles to bear your Gospel to the ends of the earth.*

Wednesday, May 11:

Lord Jesus, help us open ourselves totally to the renewing power of your Spirit. Like Saint Paul, may our encounter with you help us to put aside the old man and clothe ourselves with the new. May your love, poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, make us consider as rubbish everything that distracts us from you and the mission you entrust to us.

V/ Lord, pour out your spirit on all members of the Regnum Christi Movement,
R/ *that it might bring forth new apostles to bear your Gospel to the ends of the earth.*

Thursday, May 12:

Lord Jesus, help us to undergo the same process of conversion that Saint Peter did. May the light of your Spirit enable us, like Peter, to recognize our betrayals, both great and small, and the ways in which we have fled the cross. Like Saint Peter may we receive new words through the fire of your Spirit on Pentecost so we can announce your salvation to the nations.

V/ Pour out your Spirit into the hearts of all your disciples,

R/ *and renew the face of the earth.*

Friday, May 13:

Holy Spirit, grant the gift of discernment to the members of your Church as you did to Saint James the Apostle. Illuminated by divine wisdom he was able to interpret correctly the challenges and difficulties of the first Christian community. Help us as well to understand the signs of the times in the light of your Spirit.

V/ Lord, send out your creating Spirit,

R/ *and renew the face of the earth.*

Saturday, May 14:

The Holy Spirit bursts into the Church today as it did on the day of Pentecost. May the fire of your love transform us into a community of apostles. Help us to be a Church that goes out to all the peripheries of wounded human existence and offers to all the light and the joy of the Gospel.

V/ Lord, send out your creating Spirit,

R/ *and renew the face of the earth.*

V/ Jesus exclaimed: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and if anyone believes in me, let him drink,"

R/ *because wherever this water flows all is cleansed and life thrives.*

Prayer:

Dear Father, hear our prayers. May this Jubilee Year of the Anniversary of our Foundation truly be a new Pentecost. Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit, the paschal gift that renews all things. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.