

## NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT-DAY 2

Prayer focus: **The presence and renewal of the Holy Spirit in the Church and Parishes**

**Pray this opening Prayer...**

LORD Jesus, we find our identity in you. Life in your body, the church, is what makes us truly happy. It is not about being "Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female." True life is not about any earthly values, but knowing, loving, and serving You. Help us discover our true identity in You. Help us appropriate and live in accord with the fullness of Truth. And help us to lead others to discover their identity in you as well.

**Recitation of the Apostles Creed:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary....

**Prayer for the unity of the Church:** LORD Jesus, your final prayer to the Father just before you died was that your Church would be one as You and the Father are one. Heal our divisions by changing our hearts. Help us recognize our unity in You and with each other.

**Pray the Lord's Prayer:** Our Father who art in heaven....

**Pray for holiness among all followers of Jesus:** LORD, you inspired Peter to remind us to be holy, for you are righteous! (1 Peter 1:16) We need your grace to become the religious people you desire us to be. Fill us with your glory and accomplish in us the holiness you want for us.

**Pray the Glory Be:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

**Pray for a universal acceptance of the Truth of the Gospel:** LORD, you desire everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth. Lead us to all Truth and help us to repent and believe in the Gospel.

**Pray for an evangelistic Spirit to the poor in body and Spirit:** LORD, you commanded us to go to the ends of the world and preach your Gospel saying, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Make zeal for evangelization spring up in us. Make us zealous for your temple, the body of Christ.

**Surrender prayer:** Heavenly Father, you inspired your Son, Jesus, our Lord, to teach us that if we ask for your Holy Spirit, then you will surely give him to us. Father, I invite you to immerse me in the life of your Holy Spirit. I surrender my life and my will over to you and ask you to flood me with the love you share with your Son: baptize me in your Holy Spirit. I also invite you, Father, to renew in me the anointing you gave me at my baptism when you anointed me with Jesus' anointing of priest, prophet, and king. Help me to live a faithful priestly life, leading others to worship of you. Help me be a modern prophet by bringing your word into every situation. Help me live out Jesus' kingship to renew the culture through your holy will. I ask this through Jesus, my Lord. **Amen.**

