

Prayer for a New Pentecost

Holy Spirit, I invite you, my constant, abiding companion (Jn 14:16) to bear witness to me of Jesus (15:26), that he is the Christ, the Son of the Living God (Mt 16:16) to whom I bend my knee and confess with my tongue that he is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil 2:10-11).

Heavenly Father, I thank you that I am born again through the waters of Baptism and filled with your Holy Spirit (Jn 3:3, 5). I am a child of God, your child, this is my true identity (1 Jn 3:1-2). By the Holy Spirit I cry out "Abba, Father" (Ro 8:15; Gal 4:6). Holy Spirit you hovered over the waters of my baptism (Gen 1:2, Mk 1:10-11) and made me a new creation (2 Cor 5:17). Father, may the Spirit of the Lord rush upon me and change me into another person (1 Sm 10:6).

Holy Spirit, from this day forward I will not be controlled by the sinful nature, but by you, Holy Spirit, who lives in me (Ro 8:9). I repent of any way that I have stifled you, my Sanctifier (1 Thes 5:19). Instead, I pray, that you, Holy Spirit, would flow into me and through me as a river of living water (Jn 7:37). As an act of my will, I fan into flame the gift of the Spirit bestowed when hands were laid on me in confirmation (2 Tm 1:6). Holy Spirit increase my faith, strengthen my hope, and deepen my love (1 Cor 13:13). Grant to me fear of the Lord, piety, counsel, wisdom, fortitude, knowledge, and understanding (Is 11:2-3) that I might be conformed to Christ (Ro 8:29) growing from glory to glory until I am transformed into his likeness (2 Cor 3:17-18).

By grace, I will abide in Christ (Jn 15:4-5) and bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22-23).

Father, send the Parakletos, the Holy Spirit, my constant, abiding companion, the Spirit of truth (Jn 14:16-17) to lead me to all truth (Jn 16:13), to instruct me in everything, and remind me of all that Jesus told us (Jn 14:26). Since the Spirit is my life, I choose to keep in step with the Spirit (Gal 5:25).

Holy Spirit, grant to me manifestations for the common good: the gift of wisdom and knowledge, faith and healings, the gift of miracles and prophecy, discernment of spirits, speaking in tongues and interpretation of tongues (1 Cor 12:8-11). Lord Jesus, you have commanded us to love one another (Jn 13:34-35). I know that the gifts are to be exercised in love and without love they will be of no

benefit (1 Cor 13:1-2).

Father, you have given me the promised Holy Spirit (Lk 9:13) and clothed me with power from on high (Lk 24:49) that I might be your witness to the ends of the earth (Ac 1:8). I will not worry as to what I will say when I bear witness, as the Lord Jesus has assured me that you, Father, will give me the words to say, for it will not be me speaking but the Holy Spirit will speak through me (Mt 10:19). I have not been given the spirit of timidity, but power, love, and a self-control (2 Tim 1:7).

With all of this in mind, Lord Jesus, baptize me in the Holy Spirit (Mk 1:8, Ac 1:5) as you did the Apostles on the day of Pentecost (Ac 2:1-4). Immerse me in the river flowing from your Temple (Ez 47, Jn 7:37-38). Open my mouth that I might praise and glorify you (Ac 10:44-45). Release the gift of praying in tongues that I might speak to you (1 Cor 14:2), pray according to your will (Ro 8:26-27), edify myself (1 Cor 14:4), speak mysteries (1 Cor 14:2), and build up my most holy faith (Jude 1:20). I will also pray in the the Spirit making intercession for all the saints and that words and boldness be given to all who open their mouth to make known the mystery of the Gospel (Eph 6:18-20). Holy Spirit, also, grant me the gift of prophecy (1 Cor 14:1) for encouragement, edification, exhortation (1 Cor 14:3).

By faith, I believe and receive all of this and I have a grateful heart for all that has been given.

In Jesus name.
Amen.

Prayer Throughout the Day

(Use a finger rosary and pray all day)

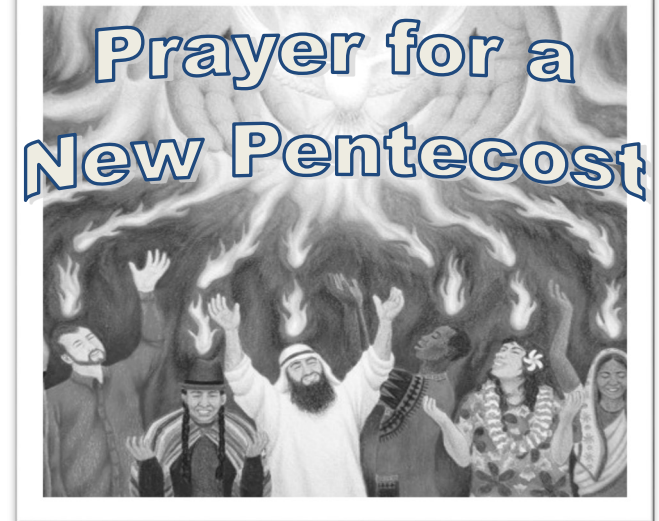
Come, Holy Spirit!

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On April 17 in 1895, the founder of the Oblate Sisters of the Holy Spirit, Mother Elena Guerra, began sending 11 confidential letters to Pope Leo XIII urging him to lead the Church to "return to the Upper Room", the room where the Holy Spirit fell on the Church on the Day of Pentecost.

Mother Elena had devoted her life to reminding the Church of the person of the Holy Spirit and inviting the Church to return to the room where Pentecost occurred. She called that room "The Jerusalem Cenacle." Mother did not tire of saying,

"Pentecost is not over. In fact it is continually going on in every time and in every place, because the Holy Spirit desired to give himself to all men and all who want him can always receive him, so we do not have to envy the apostles and the first believers; we only have to dispose ourselves like them to receive him well, and He will come to us as he did to them."

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In her many writings to the Pontiff, she exhorted him to invite the faithful to rediscover life lived according to the Holy Spirit. She called and prayed for a renewal of the Church, the reunion of Christianity, a renewal of society, and thereby "a renewal of the face of the earth".

Pope Leo took note of Mother Elena's letters. Mother

so influenced Pope Leo that he wrote two encyclicals based on her letters (an encyclical is a letter written by the Pope, in his office as successor of Peter. They are part of the deposit of Divine Revelation). In *Provida Matris Caritate*, Pope Leo asked that from Ascension Thursday until the day before Pentecost Sunday that a Novena to the Holy Spirit be made in all churches. This was in imitation of the Apostles in Acts 1:14

"They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers."

When you do the calculation, the time between Ascension Thursday, the day Jesus returned to heaven, and the coming of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost, it is 10 days. The Apostles prayed for 9 days and on the 10th day the Spirit came. In the Catholic Church, nine days of prayer are known as a novena. The prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was the first novena of the Church.

The Church did not make the novena Pope Leo requested.

On January 1st, 1901, Pope Leo, again, inspired by Mother Elena, stood at the foot of the window of the Holy Spirit behind the main altar in St Peter's basilica and sang:

*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up your rest;
Come with your grace and heavenly aid
To fill the hearts which you have made.*

As he sang, Pope Leo dedicated the Church to the Holy Spirit. In Topeka, KS, on January 1st, as Pope Leo stood at the feet of the Holy Spirit in Rome, a Methodist minister, Charles Parham, along with nine others gathered at Stone's Folly Mansion to pray that Pentecost would happen in their lives. Agnes Ozman asked that the group lay hands on her. As they prayed over Agnes she broke out into tongues.

With the prayer of Pope Leo and the nine believers at Stone's Folly being baptized in the Holy Spirit a New Pentecost began in our day. Not that the Holy Spirit had not fallen on individuals throughout Church history with the manifestations of Pentecost; now, the Holy Spirit was falling on entire groups of believers.

Because it looked like Pentecost, the movement began to be known as the Pentecostal Movement. In 1906, William Seymour began to preach the baptism of the Holy Spirit at the Apostolic Faith Mission on Azusa Street in Los Angeles. The Holy Spirit fell, and missionaries were sent throughout the world bringing Pentecost to wherever they went. This was known as the Azusa Street Revival. Because of the Azusa Street Revival more people have shared in the same experience than any other experience in human history, the experience of a personal Pentecost. Because of the Azusa Street Revival over 700 million have come to the grace of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with 119 million of these being Catholic.

In 1958, Pope Pius died after being Pope for 19 years. When the Conclave gathered to elect a new pope, they could not come to consensus as to who that man should be. They looked around the room for someone to fill the gap for a short period. Who they found was older and out of shape, Cardinal Roncalli. Roncalli became Pope John XXIII. Upon election, Pope John XXIII said that the Church needed a fresh new air and he convened the Second Vatican Council. In preparation for the opening of the Council, Pope John prayed,

"Renew Your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost. Grant to Your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Amen."

A New Pentecost, the Pope prayed for a New Pentecost in the Catholic Church. The first person that Pope John XXIII beatified was Mother Elena Guerra, whom he called *"The Apostle of the Holy Spirit."*

The prayer of John the XXIII was realized on February 18th of 1967 when some students and faculty of Duquesne University came together for a retreat to pray for a new Pentecost in the Catholic Church. Again, the Holy Spirit fell and the Charismatic Renewal began in the Catholic Church. Since its beginning the Charismatic Renewal has been embraced and approved of by the Church. It is called the Charismatic Renewal because by it the chrisms of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:8-11) are renewed to the Church. In other areas of the world it is called the Renewal of the Spirit.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal has touched more people than any of the other movements within the Catholic Church. In many parts of the Church, such as in the African Church, the charismatic gifts are common to believer's everyday life. The charismatic gifts are even used weekly at the Sunday Masses. In South America there are weekly Catholic Charismatic gatherings that draw so many people that they must rent out pro-soccer stadiums to hold all who attend.

It should also be noted that the Papal Preacher for Popes Saint John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis, Father Raniero Cantalamessa, is a world renowned speaker and promoter of the charismatic renewal. His book *"Sober Intoxication"* is a classic on Catholic Charismatic spirituality.

In 1975 Pope Paul VI said,

This authentic desire to situate yourselves in the Church is the authentic sign of the action of the Holy Spirit ... How could this 'spiritual renewal' not be a chance for the Church and the world? And how, in this case could one not take all the means to ensure that it remains so...

May 29, 2004 Pope John Paul II said

"Thanks to the Charismatic Movement, a multitude of Christians, men and women, young people and adults have rediscovered Pentecost as a living reality in their daily lives. I hope that the spirituality of Pentecost will spread in the Church as a renewed incentive to prayer, holiness, communion and proclamation."

On June 1, 2015, Pope Francis said to the Charismatic Renewal

***I expect you to share
with every member of the Church
the grace of the
Baptism in the Holy Spirit.***

The Pope has said to no renewal movement that he expects it to be shared with every member of the Church.