

NINTH DAY: *The Lord & Giver of Life, the Paraclete*

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,

Response: And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Leader: Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created,

Response: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Leader: In the Trinitarian plan of salvation, the Father draws us to the Son, whom the Holy Spirit reveals and disposes us to welcome. As “the Lord and Giver of Life,” the Holy Spirit brings about our rebirth in Baptism as the Father’s adopted children in Christ, and as sharers in divine life. Jesus calls the indwelling Holy Spirit our “Paraclete,” which literally means “one who stands besides us” as a counselor, consoler, advocate and friend. The Holy Spirit leads the Church into “all the truth,” and is the source and dynamic force of the Church’s unity and mission. It is no wonder, then, that in every age the fruitfulness of the Church depends on the renewal of the mystery of Pentecost in the minds and hearts of believers. This is the renewal that we seek in our novena. May the Holy Spirit rekindle the grace of Baptism and Confirmation in every Catholic, so that all may live the Christian life with fervor and zeal.

All: Holy Spirit of the Father and of the Son, Spirit of Love: enlighten us, strengthen us, guide us, and comfort us. You who pray and act in us, make us know the Father by contemplating the face of the Son who reveals him, so that we may proclaim the divine love of the Most Holy Trinity. Make our life a sign of love. Make the church a living word, an uplifting presence, a consecration of the world to the Trinitarian love that creates, redeems and sanctifies, now and forever. Amen.

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

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