

AS BY A NEW PENTECOST

*“Let us rediscover, dear brothers and sisters, the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit.”
~ Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

Opening Prayers

Session 1: God’s Love

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Session 2: Salvation

Sequence Hymn of Pentecost

Come, thou Holy Spirit, come;

And from thy celestial home

Shed a ray of light divine;

Come, thou Father of the poor;

Come, thou source of all our store;

Come, within our bosoms shine;

Thou, of comforters the best;

Thou, the soul’s most welcome guest;

Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;

Grateful coolness in the heat;

Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,

Shine within these hearts of thine,

And our inmost being fill,

Where thou art not, man hath naught,

Nothing good in deed or thought,

Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;

On our dryness pour thy dew;

Wash the stains of guilt away;

Bend the stubborn heart and will

Melt the frozen, warm the chill;

Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore

And confess thee, evermore

In thy sev’nfold gift descend;

Give them virtue’s sure reward;

Give them thy salvation, Lord;

Give them joys that never end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Session 3: The New Life

Veni Creator Spiritus
Come, O Creator Spirit blest!
And in our souls take up Thy rest;
Come, with Thy grace and heav'nly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Great Paraclete! to Thee we cry;
O highest gift of God most high!
O fount of life! O fire of love!
And sweet anointing from above!

Thou dost appear in sev'nfold dow'r
The sign of God's almighty pow'r!
The Father's promise, making rich
With saving truth our earthly speech.

Kindle our senses from above,
And make our hearts o'erflow with love;
With patience firm and virtue high,
The weakness of our flesh supply.

Session 4: Receiving God's Gifts

Chaplet Prayer of Blessed Elena Guerra

Father, in the Name of Jesus, send forth your Spirit
and renew the world.

(pray seven times)

O Mary, who by the work of the Holy Spirit,
conceived the Savior, pray for us.

Session 5: Prayer for the Baptism in the Spirit

Come Holy Ghost

Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.
O Comforter to Thee we cry,
Thou heav'nly Gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above,
And sweet anointing from above.
Praise be to Thee Father and Son,
And Holy Spirit Three in one;
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow,
The gifts that from the Spirit flow.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,
And grant us Thy true peace instead;
So shall we not, with Thee for guide,
Turn from the path of life aside.

O may Thy grace on us bestow
The Father and the Son to know,
And Thee, through endless times confessed,
Of Both th' eternal Spirit blest.

All glory, while the ages run,
Be to the Father and the Son
Who rose from death: the same to Thee,
O Holy Ghost, eternally.
Amen

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Leader: Do you reject Satan?

All: I do.

Leader: And all his works?

All: I do.

Leader: And all his empty promises?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All: I do.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, I believe in you as the Son of God, the Messiah, the only Savior sent by God to redeem the world. I believe that you died on the cross for our salvation and rose again from the dead in glory. Lord Jesus, I repent of all my sins. I turn away from sin and turn toward you and your plan for my life. With your help, I intend to break with sin and to avoid all that leads me to sin. I ask you, Lord Jesus, to truly be my Lord and Master, to occupy the center place in my life. I want to live for you from now on and I trust you to help me do that.

Lord Jesus, I ask you to baptize me in the Holy Spirit and give me the gift of tongues and any other charismatic gifts you desire.

Amen.

Session 6: Growth

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

By Cardinal Mercier

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You.

Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me.

Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders.

I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me.

Let me only know Your Will.

Amen.

Session 7: Transformation in Christ

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

By St. Augustine

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

Amen.