

Novena to the Holy Spirit

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**Following the Ascension of Our Lord,
tradition says that the disciples gathered in the upper room
together with Our Blessed Mother for the novena,
nine days of prayer in anticipation of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
The Holy Spirit was given to the disciples to empower them to
“be my witnesses...even to the ends of the earth.” (Acts1:8)**

**Today, as disciples of Jesus, we too join together in prayer
for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our parish,
our faith communities, our families, and in ourselves.
We need the power of the Holy Spirit
to be effective witnesses of love of God for our world.**

**This novena to the Holy Spirit has been designed
for either individual or communal prayer.
The spiritual impact of serious prayer and reflection is immeasurable.**