



### **NICCSJ 2021 Novena to Holy Spirit**

This novena is the original and oldest one in the Church. Jesus Himself instituted this novena when, after His Ascension, He told His Apostles to go to Jerusalem and pray for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The disciples gathered in the upper room together with Our Blessed Mother for the novena, 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.” (Acts 1:8) Thus, over the centuries, 9-day novenas of prayer have developed in the Church, and Catholics pray novenas for specific intentions. In the novena to the Holy Spirit, the main intention is to pray for the renewal of the 7 gifts and 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit in us.

### **Friday May 14th to Saturday May 22nd, 2021**

**Modality:** (Part of May Devotions- Through Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9206647431> (ID- 920 6647431 Passcode- 424258). Monday to Saturday, 8PM. Sundays after 10.00 AM Mass.

#### **Steps:**

1. **Begin-** In the name of the Father, And of the Son, And of the Holy Spirit. Amen
2. Pray the Prayer for a particular day (like Day 1 or Day 2...)
3. Mention the intentions:
  - a. Thanksgiving to God for all our answered prayers
  - b. For Marital Blessings and Job Opportunities for all our young adults
  - c. For the Diocese of San Jose, as we celebrate the 40th anniversary this year
  - d. For God’s protection on us and our families against Coronavirus, other kinds of illnesses, & violence
  - e. For peace, security and respect for human life in our home country Nigeria, especially in the Igbo Land
  - f. Peace & Progress for all the Igbo Catholic Communities, especially the Igbo Catholic Communities of Bay Area
  - g. For the success of our 360 Project, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memoir, & Devotional App
  - h. For God’s special healing on all of us and for those who are sick, especially Prince Val Nwogu
  - i. For other private intentions
4. Pray the Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary
5. Daily Prayer for Priests (Below)
6. Prayer to St. Joseph for the Year of St. Joseph (Below)
7. Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe For an End to Coronavirus (Below)

#### **Opening Prayer Day 1- Friday 05/14 : For Gift of Wisdom:**

Omnipotent and eternal God, who has willed to regenerate your servants in water and in the Holy Spirit, you have granted us the remission of our sins; let the Holy Spirit, our Divine Consoler, descend from heaven upon us with his seven precious gifts. Design to send us your Spirit of WISDOM, that he may alert us to the enemies that we ought to fear, and the dangers that we ought to avoid amid the deceptive appearances of this world; we ask that he inspire us to choose

in every circumstance what is most useful for the preservation and increase of divine life in our souls. *We present these Intentions:*

**Opening Prayer Day 2- Saturday 05/15: For Gift of Understanding:**

Omnipotent and eternal God, who has willed to regenerate your servants in water and in the Holy Spirit, you have granted us the remission of our sins; let the Holy Spirit, our Divine Consoler, descend from heaven upon us with his seven precious gifts. Send us your Spirit of UNDERSTANDING, that he may make us understand the beauty, the sweetness and the fruitfulness of the holy truths whose light illumines our path in this world; truths which you our Heavenly Father reveal with so much love to the humble while you hide them from the proud.

*We present these Intentions:*

**Opening Prayer Day 3- Sunday 05/16: For Gift of Counsel:**

Omnipotent and eternal God, who has willed to regenerate your servants in water and in the Holy Spirit, you have granted us the remission of our sins; let the Holy Spirit, our Divine Consoler, descend from heaven upon us with his seven precious gifts. Send us the Spirit of COUNSEL, that in the moment of action he may always incline us to the most opportune and prudent of reflections; that he may make us perfectly docile to your secret inspiration and that he may make us, in time of need, the courageous and self-denying counselors of our brothers. *We present these Intentions:*

**Opening Prayer Day 4- Monday 05/17: For Gift of Fortitude:**

Omnipotent and eternal God, who has willed to regenerate your servants in water and in the Holy Spirit, you have granted us the remission of our sins; let the Holy Spirit, our Divine Consoler, descend from heaven upon us with his seven precious gifts. Send us the Spirit of FORTITUDE, that he may change our weakness into strength and that of the faint-hearted, he may make apostles full of burning zeal. *We present these Intentions:*

**Opening Prayer Day 5- Tuesday 05/18: For Gift of Knowledge:**

Omnipotent and eternal God, who has willed to regenerate your servants in water and in the Holy Spirit, you have granted us the remission of our sins; let the Holy Spirit, our Divine Consoler, descend from heaven upon us with his seven precious gifts. Send us your Spirit of KNOWLEDGE, that he may inspire us with a horror of lying and error, that he may inflame us with a noble and holy love of all the truths that you have taught us; and that, to guard our heart a constant memory of them such as that possessed by the Most Holy Virgin Our Beloved Mother. *We present these Intentions:*

**Opening Prayer Day 6- Wednesday 05/19: For Gift of Piety:**

Omnipotent and eternal God, who has willed to regenerate your servants in water and in the Holy Spirit, you have granted us the remission of our sins; let the Holy Spirit, our Divine Consoler, descend from heaven upon us with his seven precious gifts. Give us your Spirit of PIETY, that he may enkindle in us the fire of your love; of that love which makes us love your divine will ardently even in things most minute, that is to say, in our duty! That love which carries, even to heroism and martyrdom, the soul that it has filled and which by means of faith in prayer, secures for them strength, perseverance and victory in all things. *We present these Intentions:*

**Opening Prayer Day 7- Thursday 05/20: For Gift of Fear of God:**

Omnipotent and eternal God, who has willed to regenerate your servants in water and in the Holy Spirit, you have granted us the remission of our sins; let the Holy Spirit, our Divine Consoler, descend from heaven upon us with his seven precious gifts. Fill us, Lord, with your Spirit of FEAR, that we may remember in the midst of the sweet intimacies here and now, your majesty, your boundless power and your dread judgement; send us that spirit of fear that he may keep us ever under your gaze, your direction and your sovereign dominion and that above all, forming in our heart a sublime and delicious union of respect and love he may make us see that the only real misfortune for the creature is the black ingratitude that is contracted through sin. *We present these Intentions:*

**Opening Prayer Day 8- Friday 05/21: For Fruits of Holy Spirit:**

O Holy Spirit, Eternal love of the Father and the Son, deign to grant me the fruit of CHARITY, that it may unite me to you by means of love: the fruit of JOY that it may fill me with a holy happiness even in the midst of affliction; the fruit of PEACE, that it may give me tranquility of conscience; the fruit of PATIENCE; that it may make me love the cross and help me bear it, the fruit of BEGNIGNITY; that it may incline me to relieve the necessities of my neighbor, the fruit of LONG SUFFERING, that it may maintain me in patience in the midst of opposition, the fruit of MILDNESS, that it may make me endure tranquility whatever there may be in my neighbor to cause me annoyance, the fruit of FAITH; that it may permeate me with respect and love of the word of God; the fruit of MODESTY; that it may regulate all my external acts; the fruit of CONTINENCY; that it may preserve my body in holiness, the fruit of GOODNESS that it may make me seek unreservedly the goodness of all humanity, and the fruit of CHASTITY that by keeping my heart always in this world, I may deserve to see you in the mansions of your Glory. *We present these Intentions:*

**Opening Prayer Day 9- Saturday 05/2: For Fruits of Holy Spirit:**

O Holy Spirit, Eternal love of the Father and the Son, deign to grant me the fruit of CHARITY, that it may unite me to you by means of love: the fruit of JOY that it may fill me with a holy happiness even in the midst of affliction; the fruit of PEACE, that it may give me tranquility of conscience; the fruit of PATIENCE; that it may make me love the cross and help me bear it, the fruit of BEGNIGNITY; that it may incline me to relieve the necessities of my neighbor, the fruit of LONG SUFFERING, that it may maintain me in patience in the midst of opposition, the fruit of MILDNESS, that it may make me endure tranquility whatever there may be in my neighbor to cause me annoyance, the fruit of FAITH; that it may permeate me with respect and love of the word of God; the fruit of MODESTY; that it may regulate all my external acts; the fruit of CONTINENCY; that it may preserve my body in holiness, the fruit of GOODNESS that it may make me seek unreservedly the goodness of all humanity, and the fruit of CHASTITY that by keeping my heart always in this world, I may deserve to see you in the mansions of your Glory. *We present these Intentions:*

*Novena Prayers adapted from <https://novenaprayer.com/novena-to-the-holy-spirit/> &*

**The Dail Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of the Child Jesus (St. Therese of Lisieux)**

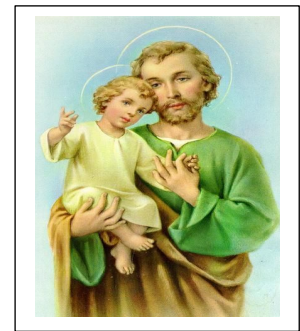
O Jesus, we pray for your faithful and fervent priests;  
For your unfaithful and tepid priests;  
For your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields.  
For your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests;  
For your old and young priests; for your dying priests;  
For the souls of your priests in Purgatory.  
But above all, we recommend to you the priests dearest to us:  
the priests who baptized us; the priests who absolved us from our sins;  
the priests at whose Masses we participated and who gave us Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed us; all the priests to whom we are indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.



**Prayer to Saint Joseph for this Year of St. Joseph by Pope Francis**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you, God entrusted His only Son, in you Mary placed her trust, with you Christ became man, Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

St. Joseph, Watchful defender of Christ- *Pray for us.*  
St. Joseph, Head of the Holy Family- *Pray for us.*



**Prayer to our Lady of Guadalupe for an End to Coronavirus (USCCB, 2020)**

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.  
We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,  
as you did at the wedding in Cana.  
Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.  
For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliveries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them.  
In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.  
We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.  
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



**O Mary health of the Sick- Pray for us**  
**O Mary help of Christians- Pray for us**  
**O Mary Queen of our Families- Pray for us**