

## Fourth Day (Monday)

### Opening Hymn

### Opening Prayer:

Lord, send the power of Your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may remain faithful and do Your will in our daily lives. Grace us with the fullness of Your Spirit, that we might have life, and have it abundantly. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Scripture:

*Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born again." "How can anyone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." (John 3:3-8)*

### Sharing on the Word:

1. What do you think God's dream is for us as humans?
2. Are you "born again"? Share with one another what it means for you.
3. Would you like to be born again? Would you like to be baptised again in the Holy Spirit, that is to open up completely to the LOVE of God the Father and of Jesus so that you be fully alive according to God's dream?

### Response:

Let us say together the response: *You came with signs and wonders through your Son, O God. Open my eyes to see your glory upon the earth and may I enter rejoicing into your presence.*

### A decade of the Rosary



**Closing Prayer (at the back of the booklet)**

## Fifth Day (Tuesday)

### Opening Hymn

### Opening Prayer:

God of power and mercy, send Your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and make us temples of His glory. In our baptism we died in Christ, now allow us to live life anew in Him. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Scripture:

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. (Romans 8:11)*

### Sharing on the Word:

1. In your baptism, you died with Christ. But your baptism is unfolding throughout your life. Are you effectively dying everyday to all those negative attitudes (sins) that kill the Spirit of God? Try and share your personal efforts.
2. Who do you belong to? How do you acknowledge that everyday?
3. Is the Spirit of God alive in you? How do you concretely "connect" with the Spirit?
4. Do you believe that the same Spirit will raise you on the day of your death, so that you may share the glory of Jesus?

### Response:

Let us say together the response: *Bring my mortal body to life O God, by that same Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead, for I belong to you.*

### A decade of the Rosary

### Closing Prayer (at the back of the booklet)



## Second Day (Saturday)

### Opening Hymn

### Opening Prayer:

Father, at Your Son's ascension into heaven He promised to send the Holy Spirit on the apostles and all Christian believers. You filled them with love, grace, and heavenly wisdom: fill us also with the gift of your Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

### Scripture:

*I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. (Joel 2:28)*

### Sharing on the Word:

1. Have you received the Holy Spirit yet? When or at what occasion?
2. Is the Holy Spirit at work in you? Share a few examples?
3. What kind of a world would we live in if all people would welcome the Holy Spirit of God in their lives? Share your dreams and your visions.

### Response:

Let us say together the response: *Pour out your Spirit upon me, O God, as you promised of old. May my eyes see the mighty works you work upon the earth.*

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### Closing Prayer (at the back of the booklet)



## Seventh Day (Thursday)

### Opening Hymn

### Opening Prayer:

Lord, renew us by the Sacraments we have received. Help us to know You; prepare us for the gifts of the Spirit; then complete that good work You have begun in us by filling us with Your Holy Spirit. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Scripture:

*Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you." (John 14:15-17)*

### Sharing on the Word:

1. How can the Holy Spirit - the "Spirit of Truth" - help us in our lives?
2. What or Who influences your choices and decisions, as a family and personally?
3. Do you sometimes - or always - ask yourself: "What Would Jesus Do?" ?
4. How often do you "speak" (pray) to the Holy Spirit?

### Response:

Let us say together the response: *Holy Spirit, remain with me always. Dwell within me and teach me to love God above all else and to delight in God's promises.*

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# How to pray as a family this Novena to the Holy Spirit

1. Choose an appropriate time of the day when the whole family (ideally) will be able to come together for the prayer of the Novena.
  - a) The prayer should last a minimum of 20 minutes, but could continue for longer, depending on the quality of the sharing.
  - b) If some members of the family refuse to take part in the Novena, obtain from them some quiet time so that the rest of the family can pray. And... pray especially for them.
  - c) If you are alone in your home, try to team up with neighbours or friends.
2. Preparation for the prayer:
  - a) One member of the family should prepare the place: enough seats for everyone, prepare in the middle of the room a candle and a Bible opened at the page of the day's reading (you will find the reference at the end of the reading for each of the days).
  - b) The leader can be different each day or can be the same throughout the Novena. The leader should rather be an adult who is enthusiastic about God and about changes that He could bring about in the family. The leader will be attentive at involving everyone in the praying of the Novena, especially in the sharing.
3. How to lead the prayer each day.
  - a) When everyone is seated comfortably and respectfully, the leader asks someone (a child) to light up the candle. Instruct the person to welcome the Holy Spirit silently while lighting up the candle.
  - b) The leader invites the group to sing together the Song to the Holy Spirit (a song is given at the last page, but you can select the song of your choice).
  - c) The leader prays the Opening Prayer aloud.
  - d) The leader asks a member of the family to read slowly and understandably the passage from the Scripture (if a child is asked, the leader will have gone through some rehearsal with the child before the prayer). Then, the leader invites all to close their eyes and let the Word sink into their hearts. After 30 seconds to 1 minute, the leader reads the text again, slowly and with reverence.
  - e) The leader leads the sharing. Some questions will have to be explained to the younger children. Give enough time to the sharing. Encourage everyone to share.
  - f) At the end of the sharing, the leader invites everyone to say together the response to the reading by saying "Let us say together the response".
  - g) A decade of the rosary is prayed as a family. A different member of the family could be entrusted to lead each day.
  - h) The leader invites the members of the family to pray the closing prayer (on the last page). The verses (italics) could be said in turn.
  - i) The leader invites the one who lit the candle to extinguish it, thanking the Holy Spirit silently for sharing this time with the family.

## Ninth Day (Saturday)

### Opening Hymn

### Opening Prayer:

Father of mercy, hear our prayers, that we may leave our former selves behind and serve You with holy and renewed hearts. Please open our hearts so that Your still small voice may have the force of a driving wind. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Scripture:

*When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts2:1-4)*

### Sharing on the Word:

1. Now comes the time to decide. Are you willing to experience what the apostles experienced nearly 2000 years ago, on the day of Pentecost?
2. Are you ready to open up to God's love for you and for the world and to the Holy Spirit of Jesus and of His Father, so that you may become a real ambassador of God's love to all the people you know?
3. Are you looking forward to "experience" our Pentecost celebration on Sunday at the Lenasia Civic Centre?
4. Congratulations on completing this Novena. Do you feel you have grown spiritually as a Christian? Share your thoughts.

### Response:

**Let us say together the response:** *Fill me with your Holy Spirit, O God, that I may boldly speak to the entire world the many marvels you have accomplished in the midst of your people.*

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