

Day Eight:

He is our All. It is he whom we must cling to with all our heart, with all our soul. His gifts are something secondary. As a bride-to-be would be very foolish to forget her betrothed while becoming fascinated by his gifts, so we should not set our heart on the gifts of God, even when they are spiritual. He wills that our eyes and our heart should be always directed to him. (p 243)

Day Nine:

In all the stages of our spiritual life the Paraclete consoles us in some measure, because he knows how to adapt himself to our smallness. He knows what each one of us requires and what each has to suffer. Sweetly he answers our needs. He softens our pain with celestial joys so that, filled with fortitude, we can carry in our hearts an image of the Heart of Christ and joy and pain can exist together within us, united by the golden ring of love. (p 230)



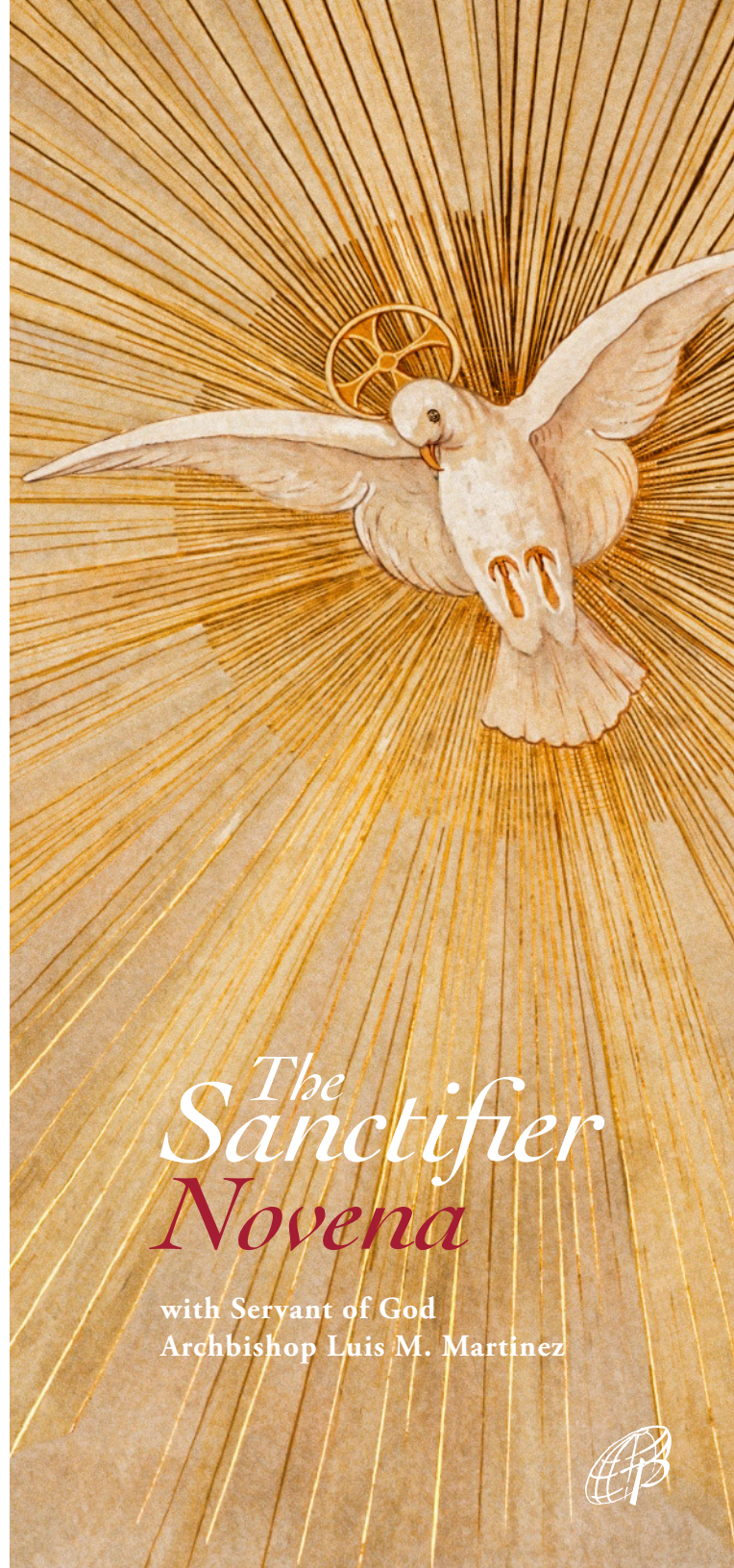
The Pentecost Novena was the first novena prayed by the Church. After Jesus ascended into heaven, the apostles returned to Jerusalem and observed nine days of prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

On the tenth day, the Holy Spirit descended upon Mary and the apostles, filled them with his gifts, and sent them forth to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The world has never been the same. Each year, we as a Church relive this key moment in our history. Today, we begin nine days of prayer to the Holy Spirit so that we, too, might receive his sanctifying grace and proclaim all that the Lord has done for us.

Thank you for joining us in calling upon the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit leading up to Pentecost through this novena derived from the writings of Archbishop Luis M. Martinez's classic, The Sanctifier.

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The Sanctifier Novena

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Relationship with the Holy Spirit

This novena is derived from the spiritual classic *The Sanctifier* by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez. May these nine days of guided reflection and prayer help you learn more about the Holy Spirit, grow in your relationship with him, and ask him to increase the fruits of his presence in your life.

How to Pray this Simple Novena

Begin prayer each day by invoking the +Father, Son, Holy Spirit+ with the Sign of the Cross.

Spend time reading and meditating on Archbishop Martinez's words.

Invite the Holy Spirit into your heart and ask him to reveal himself to you throughout your day.

Conclude each daily meditation with this prayer to the 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.

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.

Day One:

To enjoy the Holy Spirit is to love; to enjoy the Word is to know. But just as the divine Persons are inseparable, those divine joys are also intimately bound together. Intimate knowledge produces love; profound love is a source of light. Whoever enjoys the Son and the Holy Spirit attains to the joy of the Father, plunging himself, so to speak, into the bosom of immense tenderness, into the ocean from which all good proceeds. (p 30)

Day Two:

To the Artist of souls, sanctification and possession are the same act: for sanctification is the work of love and love is possession. The very lowest degree of sanctity demands that the Holy Spirit dwell in our souls, possess them, while supreme sanctity is the supreme possession that the Spirit attains in the soul, the full and perfect possession of love. Therefore, the first relationship that the Holy Spirit has with souls is that of being the delightful Guest—*dulcis Haspes animae* (p 10)

Day Three:

This is the divine cycle in the sanctification of souls: nobody can go to the Father except through Jesus; nobody can go to Jesus except through the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus, souls glorify the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever. (p 39)

Day Four:

The Holy Spirit alone can give us a share of Jesus' hunger to do the will of God, because this hunger is love and all true love comes from infinite Love. (p 114)

Day Five:

A true devotion to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit leads to one end, the cross: the true and supreme glorification of the Father, the highest expression of love on earth, the central point of the will of God. (p 117)

Day Six:

Even so, contemplating the marvels that the Holy Spirit produces in souls, our heart is thrilled, our spirit encouraged, although we ourselves journey with such slow steps toward him who is Light, who is Love, who is Happiness; toward him who bathes all loving souls in splendid light, in most sweet love, in infinite peace. (p 196)

Day Seven:

[The Holy Spirit's] ideal is to produce Jesus in us, and through Jesus and with Jesus, to take us to the bosom of the Trinity and glorify the Father with the supreme glorification of Jesus. (p 51)