

Day 7

When the day of Pentecost came, it found them gathered in one place. Suddenly from up in the sky there came a noise like a strong, driving wind, which was heard all through the house where they were seated. Tongues as of fire appeared, which parted and came to rest on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to express themselves in foreign tongues and make bold proclamation as the Spirit prompted them. Staying in Jerusalem at the time were devout Jews of every nation under heaven. These heard the sound, and assembled in a large crowd. They were much confused because each one heard these men speaking in his own language. The whole occurrence astonished them.

- Acts 2:1-7

*** (repeat prayers as for day 1)

Day 8

Peter was still pondering the vision when the Spirit said to him: "There are two men in search of you. Go downstairs as set out with them unhesitatingly, for it is I who sent them." ... The next day he went off with them, accompanied by some brothers from Joppa. The following day he arrived in Caesarea [and] Cornelius, who was expecting them... Peter proceeded to address them... Peter had not finished these words when the Holy Spirit descended upon all who were listening to Peter's message. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were surprised that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, whom they could hear speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Peter put the question, "What can stop these people who have received the Holy Spirit, even as we have from being baptized with water?" So he gave orders that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. - Acts 10:19,23, 34,44-47

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Day 9

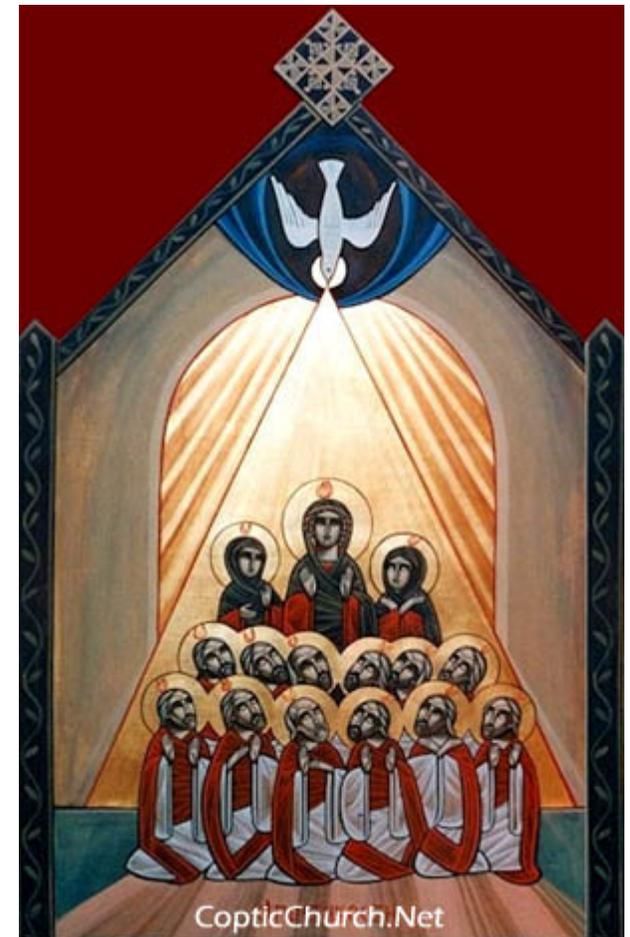
Paul passed through the interior of the country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples to whom he put the question, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They answered, "We have not so much as heard that there is a Holy Spirit." "Well, how were you baptized?" he persisted. They replied, "With the baptism of John." Paul then explained, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. he used to tell the people about the one who would come after him in whom they were to believe -- that is, Jesus." When they heard this they were baptized in the name of Jesus. As Paul laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came down on them and they began to speak in tongues and to utter prophecies. There were in the company about twelve men in all.

- Acts 19:1-7

*** (repeat prayers as for day 1)

Release of Holy Spirit Prayer

I know now that I am yours and you are mine forever.
Thank you for sending your Spirit to me that I might have the power to live this new life with you.
Stir up your Spirit in me. Release your Spirit in me.
Baptize me with the fullness of your Spirit:
- that I may experience your presence and power in my life.
- that I may find new meaning in your Scriptures
- that I may find new meaning in your sacraments
- that I may find delight and comfort in prayer
- that I may be able to love and forgive as you do
- that I may discover and use the gifts you give me for the life of the Church,
- that I may experience the peace and the joy that you have promised us.
Fill me with your Spirit, Jesus.
I wish to receive all that you have to give me. Amen



Pentecost Novena

Please join us in this Pentecost novena from Ascension to the eve of Pentecost.

You are invited to the Pentecost Vigil.

Pentecost

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Day 1

I will gather you from the nations and assemble you from the countries over which you have been scattered, and I will restore to you the land of Israel. They shall return to it and remove from it all its detestable abominations. I will give them a new heart and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the stony heart from their bodies, and replace it with a natural heart, so that they will live according to my statutes, and observe and carry out my ordinances; thus they shall be my people and I will be their God. - Ezek 11:17-20

*** Reflect for a few minutes.

*** Say Prayer for Release of the Holy Spirit.

*** Say Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Day 2

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he led me out in the spirit of the Lord and set me in the center of the plain, which was now filled with bones...Then he said to me: Prophecy over these bones, and say to them: Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! Thus says the Lord God to these bones: See! I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life. I will put sinews upon you, make flesh grow over you, cover you with skin, and put spirit in you so that you may come to life and know that I am the Lord...Then he said to me: Prophecy to the spirit, prophecy, son of man, and say to the spirit: Thus says the Lord God: From the four winds come, O spirit, and breathe into these slain that they may come to life.
- Ezek 37:1,4-6,9

*** (repeat prayers as for day 1)

Day 3

When John the Baptizer made his appearance as a preacher in the desert of Judea, this was his theme: "Reform your lives! The reign of God is at hand."... At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him. They were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins... he said to them, ... I baptize you in water for the sake of reform, but the one who will follow me is more powerful than I. I am not even fit to carry his sandals. He it is who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand. He will clear the threshing floor and gather his grain into the barn, but the chaff he will burn in unquenchable fire. - Matt 3:1-2,5-7,11-12

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Day 4

Later Jesus, coming from Galilee, appeared before John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to refuse him with the protest, "I should be baptized by you, yet you come to me!" Jesus answered: "Give in for now. We must do this if we would fulfill all of God's demands." So John gave in. After Jesus was baptized, he came directly out of the water. Suddenly the sky opened and he saw the Spirit of God descend like a dove and hover over him. With that, a voice from the heavens said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him." - Matt 3:13-17

*** (repeat prayers as for day 1)

Day 5

A certain Pharisee named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish Sanhedrin, came to him at night. "Rabbi," he said, "we know you are a teacher come from God, for no man performs signs and wonders such as you perform unless God is with him." Jesus gave him this answer: "I solemnly assure you, no one can see the reign of God unless he is begotten from above." "How can a man be born again once he is old?" retorted Nicodemus. "Can he return to his mother's womb and be born over again?" Jesus replied: "I solemnly assure you no one can enter into God's kingdom without being begotten of water and Spirit. Flesh begets flesh, Spirit begets spirit. Do not be surprised I tell you you must all be begotten from above.
- John 3:1-8

*** (repeat prayers as for day 1)

Day 6

"I will ask the Father and he will give you another Paraclete -- to be with you always; the Spirit of truth ... the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will instruct you in everything, and remind you of all that I told you... When the Paraclete comes, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father -- he will bear witness on my behalf... It is much better for you that I go. If I fail to go, the Paraclete will never come to you, whereas if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin, about justice, about condemnation... I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. When he comes, however, being the Spirit of truth he will guide you to all truth."
- John 14:16,26;15:26;16:7,12-13

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