NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Thursday May 9 to Friday, May 17, 2024

Based on Galatians 5:22-23, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, self-control."

DAY 1, pray to bear the fruit of LOVE.

Ephesians 3: 16-17, "That he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love."

Prayer: By the intercession of the Holy Spirit, may I be rooted and grounded in the love of God and neighbor. Amen.

DAY 2, pray to bear the fruit of JOY.

John 15:11, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete."

Prayer: By the intercession of the Holy Spirit, may I be filled with the joy of the Lord. Amen.

DAY 3, pray to bear the fruit of PEACE.

John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

Prayer: By the intercession of the Holy Spirit, may I become an instrument of peace. Amen.

DAY 4, pray to bear the fruit of PATIENCE.

Colossians 3:12-13, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do."

Prayer: By the intercession of the Holy Spirit, may I grow in the virtue of patience. Amen.

DAY 5, pray to bear the fruit of KINDNESS.
Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."

Prayer: By the intercession of the Holy Spirit, may I grow in the virtue of kindness. Amen.

DAY 6, pray to bear the fruit of GENEROSITY.
Roman 12:8, "If one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."

Prayer: By the intercession of the Holy Spirit, may I grow in the virtue of self-giving. Amen.

DAY 7, pray to bear the fruit of FAITHFULNESS.
Matthew 24:10-12, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent servant, whom the master has put in charge of his household to distribute to them their food at the proper time?"

Prayer: By the intercession of the Holy Spirit, may I be faithful and obedient to God's commands. Amen.

DAY 8, pray to bear the fruit of SELF-CONTROL.
2 Timothy 1:7, "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."

Prayer: By the intercession of the Holy Spirit, may I grow in the virtue of self-control. Amen.

DAY 9, CONCLUSION: pray for a NEW SPIRITUAL SELF.
EPHISIANS 4:22-24, "Put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."

Prayer: By the intercession of the Holy Spirit, may I put away my old self and become a new self. Amen.

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