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## **Novena in Preparation for Pentecost 2020**

Day 1: Friday, 22 May 2020: “A Humble Witness to Faith in a Time of Crisis”

Prayer: Oh, breath of the love of God, Holy Spirit, you have given us faith in the depths of our souls, a faith that is like a burst of trust breaking out thousands of times in our lives, a trust that is just so simple that all of us can know it. Help us to be aware of your life-giving breath, so that we can spread your love and hope around us as we live continually in a spirit of thanksgiving. Amen.

Day 2: Saturday, 23 May 2020: “Fraternal Relationships”

Prayer: O Holy Spirit, who reflects the love of the Father and the Son, we pray to you. You are our light and strength. Help us to witness openly and courageously to your presence in our lives. Shake us out of our routines and free us from our fears. Help us rediscover our youthfulness of heart. Light up our vision, brighten our appearance, put a smile on our lips. Revive our dormant energy. You are the message of Peace. Put your words on our lips and your grace in our hands so that our words and actions become channels of your Peace. Amen.

Day 3: Sunday, 24 May 2020: “A New Current Then Intransigence”

Prayer: Come Holy Spirit into our hearts and send from above a ray of your light. Enter into us, Father of the poor. Come with your gifts and enlighten our hearts. Without your divine power, there is nothing good in anyone, nothing that has not been spoilt. Cleanse what is sordid, refresh what has dried up, heal what has been wounded. Soften what has become hardened, warm what has become frozen, put right what is false. To all those who have faith and who put their trust in you, confer your seven holy gifts. Grant that we may be worthy and never betray you; grant us your salvation and give us eternal joy. Amen.

Day 4: Monday, 25 May 2020: “Strengthening and New Energy”

Prayer: O Holy Spirit, fire that which consumes in us all that is superficial and vain, disperse all luke-warmness and help us to live the gift of ourselves with Christ Jesus. All-powerful Creator, source of light and discernment, shed upon our communities the brightness of your light so that we may live by God’s divine grace. Keep far away from us the darkness of sin and ignorance. Help us to understand the promises of your Kingdom; give us the will to live by them and the desire to witness to them. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord and God. Amen.



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Day 5: Tuesday, 26 May 2020: “A New Dynamism at the Service of the Universal Church”

Prayer: O Holy Spirit, here we are before you to let ourselves be modelled, to let ourselves be led, to let ourselves love. Accept the offering of our community in prayer and grant us the grace to love you more each day. Teach us to allow ourselves to be led by you in all things, to never mistrust your inspirations, never to resist you. May this prayer which we address to you today be the beginning of a new path of closeness to you. Amen.

Day 6: Wednesday, 27 May 2020: “Building to Guarantee the Future”

Prayer: At the end of its work, the 1980 General Chapter renewed Father Timmermans’ mandate and asked the General Team to prepare new Rules and Constitutions and to set up the Spiritan commitment in Justice and Peace. At the same time, a deep reflection is carried out on the life of the Spiritan community and on the call of lay associates to support the mission of the Congregation. We pray that this renewal would continue. Amen

Day 7: Thursday, 28 May 2020: “Revitalizing and Responding to New Challenges”

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, renew and amplify your visit within us. It is in you that we put our trust. It is you whom we love, for you are Love yourself. In you, we have God as our Father, because within us you cry out: “Abba, beloved Father!” Remain in us, do not abandon us, neither in the hard struggle of life, nor at the hour when it will come to an end and we shall be alone. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Day 8: Friday, 29 May 2020: “With A New Confidence Towards New Challenges”

Prayer: Holy Spirit, give us the strength of faith and gather us in a common will of evangelization. Teach us the joy of faith, hope and love that transforms the world and frees every human being from his sins, his spiritual or material miseries. Amen

Day 9: Saturday, 30 May 2020: “A Renewed Commitment to A Universal Mission”

Prayer: Holy Spirit, very gentle host of our hearts, reveal to us the deep meaning of our missionary journey and dispose our soul to celebrate with faith, your serene presence that guides our steps. Amen.

