

Preparing for the Pentecost

"All devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers." Acts 1:14

*After Jesus' ascension into heaven, the original Christian Church, continued to pray together until the Pentecost. These **nine days of prayer** were the first Novena on which all later Novenas have been based.*

Pope Leo XIII issued an encyclical on the Holy Spirit, in which he ordained that a novena should be held throughout the church in preparation for the feast of Pentecost.

Let all the faithful unite and implore a new and abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

It is most appropriate in these times that the Holy Spirit bring us all the blessing of redemption.

*And bless us with the gifts of the Spirit, **Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety and Fear of the Lord.***

*Beginning on the day after Ascension Thursday, a daily email will be sent each of the next nine days prior to this year's feast of the Pentecost. **Please join with us in this Novena to the Holy Spirit.***

For more info on the Novena to the Holy Spirit, go to www.wvLoL.org/1hHolySpirit.html.