

We are praying for the Holy Spirit to be released in our hearts in a full measure so we can enter into the Trinitarian mystery and embrace the reality of life led by the Spirit.

*Without the Holy Spirit,
God is distant,
Christ is merely a historical figure,
the Gospel is a dead letter,
the Church is just an organization,
authority is domination,
mission is propaganda,
liturgy is only nostalgia,
and the work of Christians is slave labor.*

*But with the Holy Spirit,
Christ is risen and present,
the Gospel is a living force,
the Church is a communion in the life of the Trinity,
authority is a service that sets the people free,
mission is Pentecost,
the liturgy is memory and anticipation,
and the labor of Christians is divinized.*

Stone to Flesh Community Novena (novena is a prayer prayed for nine days) **before Pentecost will focus on the praying LECTIO DIVINA (DIVINE READING) using Mass readings from the PENTECOST Extended Vigil** (June 8, 2019) **which we will celebrate together. We pray for each other, our families, friends and Community brothers and sisters, united in Jesus' powerful name.**

Day 1 (May 31): GN 11:1-9

1. READING

The whole world spoke the same language, using the same words.
 While the people were migrating in the east, they came upon a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there.
 They said to one another, "Come, let us mold bricks and harden them with fire."
 They used bricks for stone, and bitumen for mortar.
 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and so make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered all over the earth."

The LORD came down to see the city and the tower

that the people had built.
 Then the LORD said: "If now, while they are one people, all speaking the same language, they have started to do this, nothing will later stop them from doing whatever they presume to do.
 Let us then go down there and confuse their language, so that one will not understand what another says."
 Thus the LORD scattered them from there all over the earth, and they stopped building the city.
 That is why it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the speech of all the world.
 It was from that place that he scattered them all over the earth.

<p>2. MEDITATION</p>	<p>4. CONTEMPLATION</p>
<p>3. PRAYER</p>	<p>5. ACTION</p>

DAY 2 (JUNE 1): PS 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15

1. READING

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The LORD brings to nought the plans of nations;
he foils the designs of peoples.
But the plan of the LORD stands forever;
the design of his heart, through all generations.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.
From heaven the LORD looks down;
he sees all mankind.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

From his fixed throne he beholds
all who dwell on the earth,
He who fashioned the heart of each,
he who knows all their works.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

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DAY 3 (JUNE 2): EX 19:3-8A, 16-20B

1. READING

Moses went up the mountain to God.
 Then the LORD called to him and said,
 "Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob;
 tell the Israelites:
 You have seen for yourselves how I treated
 the Egyptians
 and how I bore you up on eagle wings
 and brought you here to myself.
 Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and
 keep my covenant,
 you shall be my special possession,
 dearer to me than all other people,
 though all the earth is mine.
 You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a
 holy nation.
 That is what you must tell the Israelites."
 So Moses went and summoned the elders
 of the people.
 When he set before them
 all that the LORD had ordered him to tell
 them,
 the people all answered together,
 "Everything the LORD has said, we will do."

On the morning of the third day
 there were peals of thunder and lightning,
 and a heavy cloud over the mountain,
 and a very loud trumpet blast,
 so that all the people in the camp trembled.
 But Moses led the people out of the camp
 to meet God,
 and they stationed themselves at the foot of
 the mountain.
 Mount Sinai was all wrapped in smoke,
 for the LORD came down upon it in fire.
 The smoke rose from it as though from a
 furnace,
 and the whole mountain trembled violently.
 The trumpet blast grew louder and louder,
 while Moses was speaking,
 and God answering him with thunder.

When the LORD came down to the top of
 Mount Sinai,
 he summoned Moses to the top of the
 mountain.

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DAY 4 (JUNE #3): PSALM 19:8, 9, 10, 11

1. READING

R. (John 6:68c) **Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

R. **Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
The command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye.

R. **Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
The ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.

R. **Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

They are more precious than gold,
than a heap of purest gold;
Sweeter also than syrup
or honey from the comb.

R. **Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

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DAY 5 (JUNE 4): EZ 37:1-14

1. READING

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. He made me walk among the bones in every direction so that I saw how many they were on the surface of the plain. How dry they were! He asked me: Son of man, can these bones come to life? I answered, "Lord GOD, you alone know that." 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. I, Ezekiel, prophesied as I had been told, and even as I was prophesying I heard a noise; it was a rattling as the bones came together, bone joining bone. I saw the sinews and the flesh come upon them, and the skin cover them, but there was no spirit in them.

Then the LORD 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. I prophesied as he told me, and the spirit came into them; they came alive and stood upright, a vast army. Then he said to me: Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They have been saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope is lost, and we are cut off." Therefore, prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

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DAY 6 (JUNE 5): PS 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1. READING

R. (1) **Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting. or: R. Alleluia.**

Let the redeemed of the LORD say,
those whom he has redeemed from the hand of the foe
And gathered from the lands,
from the east and the west, from the north and the south.

R. **Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting. or: R. Alleluia.**

They went astray in the desert wilderness;
the way to an inhabited city they did not find.
Hungry and thirsty,
their life was wasting away within them.

R. **Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting. or: R. Alleluia.**

They cried to the LORD in their distress;
from their straits he rescued them.
And he led them by a direct way
to reach an inhabited city.

R. **Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting. or: R. Alleluia.**

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy
and his wondrous deeds to the children of men,
Because he satisfied the longing soul
and filled the hungry soul with good things.

R. **Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting. or: R. Alleluia.**

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DAY 7 (June 6): JL 3:1-5

1. READING

Thus says the LORD:

I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh.

Your sons and daughters shall prophesy,

your old men shall dream dreams,

your young men shall see visions;

even upon the servants and the handmaids,

in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

And I will work wonders in the heavens and on the earth,

blood, fire, and columns of smoke;

the sun will be turned to darkness,

and the moon to blood,

at the coming of the day of the LORD,

the great and terrible day.

Then everyone shall be rescued

who calls on the name of the LORD;

for on Mount Zion there shall be a remnant,

as the LORD has said,

and in Jerusalem survivors

whom the LORD shall call.

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DAY 8 (June 7): ROM 8:22-27

1. READING

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;
and not only that, but we ourselves,
who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,
we also groan within ourselves
as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that sees is not hope.

For who hopes for what one sees?

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.

In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

And the one who searches hearts
knows what is the intention of the Spirit,
because he intercedes for the holy ones
according to God's will.

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DAY 9 (JUNE 8): JN 7:37-39

1. READING

Jesus stood up and exclaimed,

"Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.

As Scripture says:

Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me."

He said this in reference to the Spirit

that those who came to believe in him were to receive.

There was, of course, no Spirit yet,

because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

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