



Novena to the Holy Spirit: Day 2



Jesus said, “The Holy Spirit... will teach you everything”

(Jn 14: 25)

When Christians think of God we normally think of God the Father or Jesus. The Spirit is the God who keeps “hidden”, as it were, so much so that sometimes the Holy Spirit is called the “Unknown God”. But in this the Spirit is the embodiment of love, teaching us what Love is. The Third Divine Person highlights the Others because that’s what love does.

St. Paul, prompted by the Holy Spirit, invites us also to “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.” (St Paul, Phil 2:3)

Experience. A young Australian woman called Anne was born with a severe disability. During her adolescence she wondered why she was still alive, because the burden of her disability was so great. Her parents always gave her the same answer: ‘Anne, God loves you immensely and has a special plan for you.’ Anne is grateful to them because they helped her avoid becoming closed in on herself and totally blocked by her physical difficulties. They encouraged her to ‘be the first to love,’ as God had done with us. This has become her daily experience and so she tells her story that “every time I choose to love and serve those around me, there is no more darkness, and I can experience the love that God has for me.

Action. Today be the first to love others, don’t wait to be loved.

Request: In silence make your request-petition.

Novena Prayer: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord.



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