



Novena to the Holy Spirit: Day 4



“When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth” (Ps 104:30)

The very opening lines of the Bible tell us the Holy Spirit is at work in creation, in our world. “In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind- *that’s the Holy Spirit!* – from God swept over the face of the waters” (Gen 1:1). Sometimes the Holy Spirit is called the Creator God. Indeed, when we recite the Creed on Sundays we say, “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life”. He is the one who gives life, brings harmony out of chaos, gives the gift of diversity but also creates unity.

Experience: Pope Francis invites to have a contemplative attitude to life. The world is not just material to be used. It is our common home to be loved and protected. St. Francis of Assisi, so much a man of the Spirit, asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty.

We think of the words of the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins who lived for some time in Ireland: “the World is charged with the grandeur of God”.

Action: As we go through the day take time to stop and admire the beautiful things we see.

Request: In silence make your request-petition.

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. Amen.



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