



*"Let's pray together  
to the Holy Spirit  
that creates the unity  
of minds in truth  
and hearts in love".*

*(St. John Calabria)*

## **Invitation to join us in prayer as Calabrian family on the Pentecost vigil**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Calabrian Family,

May the peace and joy of the risen Lord who promises us the Holy Spirit always be in our hearts.

We are close to the great solemnity of Pentecost, which concludes the Easter season. Pentecost is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that Christ promised to his Apostles by sending them into the world to communicate and proclaim the Gospel to all, to make all humanity the family of God. The Holy Spirit gathers the family of believers from the borders of the earth and cements it in unity of faith and charity. Together we prepare to celebrate this important event of the Church and of our life as believers.

We wish to continue our monthly prayer appointments that unite us as Calabrian Family in this particular context of pandemic, **inviting everyone to join spiritually next Saturday May 22, the Pentecost Vespers, to invoke together the gift of the Holy Spirit on the whole Opera, on the journey to the General Chapters, on the Church and on the World.**

Each member of the Calabrian Family - families, religious communities, groups and individuals - are invited to organize themselves to celebrate Pentecost in their own local ecclesial reality. We dedicate a moment of the day of May 22, to participate in the initiatives of vigil or adoration, prepared by parishes or dioceses or groups you belong to, waiting for the Spirit. It is important to feel the need to ask for this gift together in communion with the whole Calabrian Family that invokes the Holy Spirit from every corner of the world.

We need the Holy Spirit to confirm us on our journey of communion towards the General Chapters, to give us his light to live in unity and to be joyful witnesses of the Fatherhood of God in the world by manifesting his love above all to the little ones, to the poor and needy.

Let us make this prayer of St. John Calabria our own:

*"May the Holy Spirit descend on everyone to purify us, to sanctify us,  
and grant the grace to live the pure and genuine spirit of the Opera,  
for the good of our souls, and for the sanctification and good of poor humanity,  
in this hour of so much confusion".*

Happy feast of Pentecost to all! The Lord bless you.

Fr. Miguel Tofful and Mother Lucia Bressan

