

Novena To The Holy Spirit (9 Days before Pentecost)

This publication is a companion to the Novena to the Holy Spirit published by the Spiritans in 1995. While the 1995 edition is suitable for both public and private devotion, this leaflet provides a personal format that may be more familiar to those who used our earlier editions. Devotion to the Holy Spirit is an inherent part of our faith and our prayer life. Thus, this Novena is appropriate for use, not only in the days preceding Pentecost, but at any time throughout the year.

The following two prayers are prayed each day of the Novena.

Act of Consecration To The Holy Spirit

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses I offer myself, soul and body, to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light and listen to Your voice and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Ghost, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak, Lord, for You servant heareth."
Amen.

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, You promised to send the Holy Spirit to Your apostles and disciples. Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of Your grace and love.

Grant us the Spirit of **Wonder and Awe** that we may be filled with a loving reverence toward You.

The **Spirit of Reverence** that we may find peace and fulfillment in the service of God while serving others;

The **Spirit of Courage** that we may bear our cross with You and, with courage, overcome the obstacles that interfere with our salvation;

The **Spirit of Knowledge** that we may know You and know ourselves and grow in holiness;

The **Spirit of Understanding** to enlighten our minds with the light of Your truth;

The **Spirit of Right Judgement** that we may choose the surest way of doing your will, seeking first the Kingdom;

Grant us the **Spirit of Wisdom** that we may aspire to the things that last forever;

Teach us to be Your faithful disciples and animate us in every way with Your Spirit.

AMEN.

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FIRST DAY

Creation Awaits Fulfillment

*Holy Spirit, Lord of light!
From your clear celestial height,
Your pure beaming radiance give!*

Almighty and eternal God, send forth Your Spirit, who brought order from chaos at the beginning of the universe, and peace to the Lord's disciples.

Grant that I, as your creation, baptized in your Spirit, may be filled with the seven gifts so that I may forever do your will and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be To The Father.
Act of Consecration, Prayer For The Seven Gifts.*

SECOND DAY

Christ's Promise To Send The Paraclete

*Come, Father of the poor!
Come, treasures which endure!
Come, Light of all that live!*

Come, O Blessed **Spirit of Wonder and Awe**, fill me with devotion to God alone.

In the Risen Christ, I welcome You, O Spirit of truth, whom the Father sends in Jesus' name.

Wash clean the sinful soul, and rain down your grace that we may be one with the Church In fidelity to our Lord, Jesus, Christ. Amen.

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THIRD DAY

The Soul of Christ's Body, the Church

*Thou, of all consolers, best,
Visiting the troubled breast
Dost refreshing peace bestow.*

Come, O Blessed **Spirit of Reverence** possess my heart.

God our Father, may I, through the grace of your Spirit, be forever filled with filial affection for you. Grant that I may be inspired to love and respect all members of your family as brothers and sisters of Jesus, who, together with Him, call you Abba, Father. Amen.

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FOURTH DAY

The Dignity of the Christian

*Thou, in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.*

Come, O Blessed **Spirit of Courage**, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity.

O, Divine Trinity, grant that we may be strengthened to see in ourselves and each other the dignity that is ours as temples of Your Holy Spirit, to be loved by one another as each of us is loved by Jesus. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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FIFTH DAY

Gifted to Serve and Build Others Up

*Light immortal! Light Divine!
Visit Thou these hearts of Thine,
And our inmost being fill!*

Come, O Blessed **Spirit of Knowledge**, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father.

Father, through Your Spirit, You invite us to participate in the fullness of Creation. Help me to see that all gifts are from You and intended for your Glory. For there are many different gifts, but always the same Spirit, many ways of serving, but always the same Lord. Amen.

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SIXTH DAY

Human Weakness and Sinfulness

*If Thou take Thy grace away,
Nothing Pure in man will stay,
All his good is turned to ill.*

Come, O Blessed **Spirit of Understanding**, enlighten our minds that we may appreciate and see more fully what we know by faith.

Come to us in our weakness and give voice to our petitions, for "the prayers that the Spirit makes for God's holy people are always in accordance with the mind of God."

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SEVENTH DAY

Growth in the Freedom that Love Gives

*Heal our wounds – our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away!*

Come, O Blessed **Spirit of Right Judgement**. Make my thoughts holy, my love pure and my works pleasing to God. Father, guided by Your Spirit, may I strive to make loving choices and respect all life. May we be aware of our dignity as Your sons and daughters, redeemed with the Blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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EIGHTH DAY

Gifted Through the Spirit

*Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray!*

Come, O Blessed **Spirit of Wisdom**, strengthen my faith, increase my hope, perfect my charity.

Father, enlighten us each day, in the silence of our hearts, to discern the voice of Your Spirit, to do what He asks of us and to understand the gifts He freely gives us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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NINTH DAY

Sent with the Power to Reconcile

*Thou on those who evermore, Thee confess and Thee adore,
in Thy sevenfold gifts, descend; Give them comfort when they die;
Give them life with Thee on high; Give them joys which never end. Amen*

Father, through Jesus, Your Son, You sent the Paraclete to be at our side, to reconcile all Creation to you. Grant that I may be forever open to Jesus' invitation to "Receive the Holy Spirit!" Father, open our hearts to accept Your forgiveness for our sins and to offer that same forgiveness to those who we feel have offended us. For merciful forgiveness is the essence of Your love revealed in Your Son.

Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Your Heavenly Fruits – Your charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, faith, mildness and temperance, that I may, by faithful submission to your Inspiration, merit to be united eternally with You in the love of the Father and the Son. Amen.

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