

NOVENA to the HOLY SPIRIT for the SEVEN GIFTS

The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He asked that His apostles return to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. The Novena begins on the day after the Solemnity of the Ascension until Pentecost. You may pray the Novena Prayer in the following sequence

- ① **Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit**
- ② **Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**
- ③ **Novena Prayer according to the DAY 1-9**
- ④ **Come Holy Spirit ...**

① 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 / 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 / to keep me in Your grace / that I may never sin against You. Give me grace / O Holy Spirit / Spirit of the Father and the Son / to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening." Amen.

② PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord 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 Fear of the Lord / that we may be filled / with a loving reverence toward You.
- ✘ the Spirit of Piety / that we may find peace and fulfillment / in the service of God / while serving others;
- ✘ the Spirit of Fortitude /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 Counsel / 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.

③ FIRST DAY: Holy Spirit (Friday after Ascension) – 14 May 2021

Prayer: 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, baptised in your Spirit, may be filled with your sevenfold Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety, and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear.

Come, Holy Spirit..... (See prayer at bottom of page)

③ SECOND DAY: The Gift of Holy Fear (Saturday after Ascension) – 15 May 2021

Prayer: Come, O Blessed Spirit of Holy Fear, 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.

④ **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful / and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created / and You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.**

③ THIRD DAY: The Gift of Piety (7th Sunday of Easter) – 16 May 2021

Prayer: 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.

Come, Holy Spirit..... (See prayer at bottom of page)

③ FOURTH DAY: The Gift of Fortitude (Monday, 7th Week of Easter) – 17 May 2021

Prayer: Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, 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.

Come, Holy Spirit.....(See prayer at bottom of page)

③ FIFTH DAY: The Gift of Knowledge (Tuesday, 7th Week of Easter) – 18 May 2021

Prayer: 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.

Come, Holy Spirit.....(See prayer at bottom of page)

③ SIXTH DAY: The Gift of Understanding (Wednesday, 7th Week of Easter) – 19 May 2021

Prayer: 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." *Come, Holy Spirit..... (See prayer at bottom of page)*

③ SEVENTH DAY: The Gift of Counsel (Thursday, 7th Week of Easter) – 20 May 2021

Prayer: Come, O Blessed Spirit of Counsel. 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. *Come, Holy Spirit..... (See prayer at bottom of page)*

③ EIGHTH DAY: The Gift of Wisdom (Friday, 7th Week of Easter) – 21 May 2021

Prayer: Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to my soul / the mysteries of heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, power and beauty. Teach me to love them / above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Help me to attain them / and possess them forever.

Come, Holy Spirit..... (See prayer at bottom of page)

③ NINTH DAY: The fruits of the Holy Spirit (Saturday, Vigil of Pentecost) – 22 May 2021

Prayer: 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, Jesus Christ.

Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Your Heavenly Fruits - 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.

➔ Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful / and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created / and You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.