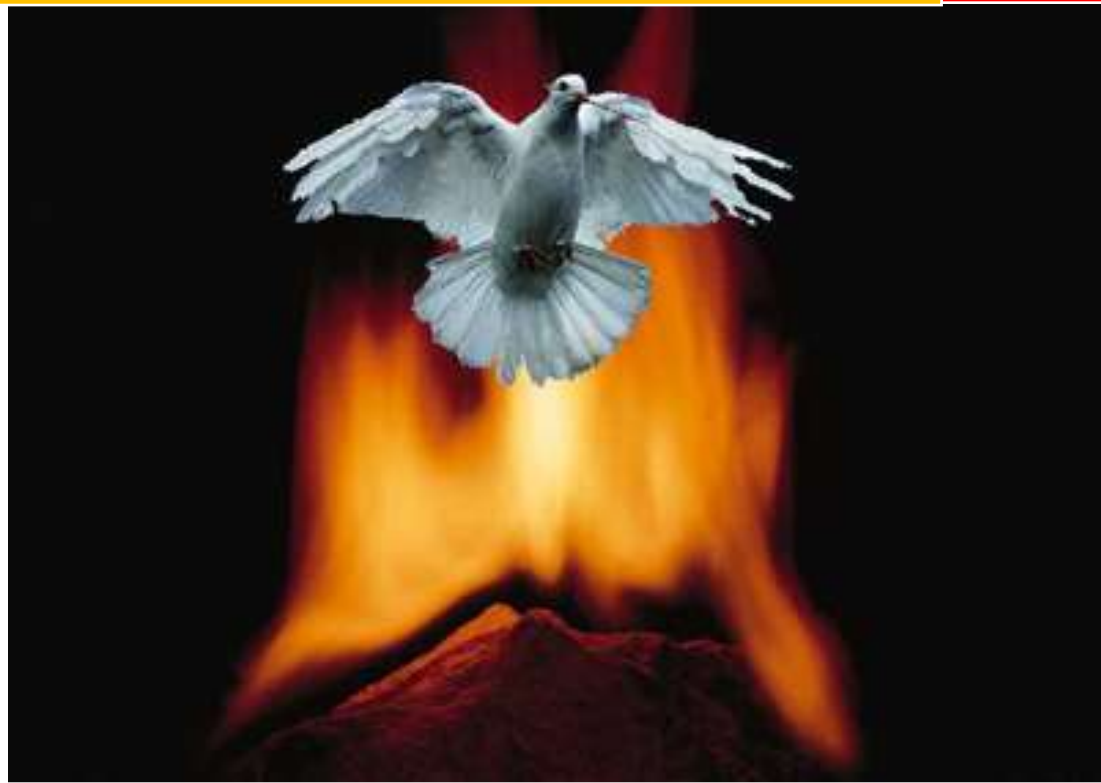


# Novena to the Holy Spirit



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The Novena Starts on 9 days before feast  
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# **Novena to the Holy Spirit**

This novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Jesus Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

## **ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*(To be recited daily during the Novena)*

Today 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 have my being. 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. Come Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of Your faithful. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. 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.

## **PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*(To be recited daily during the Novena)*

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may not be consumed by the things of this world but aspire after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and His people, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Awe that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

## The Novena begins on Friday of the 6th Week of Easter

### **FIRST DAY** (Friday of 6th Week of Easter)

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

Only one thing is important -- eternal salvation. Only one thing, therefore, is to be feared--sin? Sin is the result of ignorance, weakness, and indifference. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Light, of Strength, and of Love. With His sevenfold gifts He enlightens the mind, strengthens the will, and inflames the heart with love of God. To ensure our salvation we ought to invoke the Divine Spirit daily, for "The Spirit helpeth our infirmity. We know not what we should pray for as we ought. But the Spirit Himself asketh for us."

**Prayer** Almighty and eternal God, Who chooses to renew us by water and the Holy Spirit, and has given us forgiveness for all our sins, send forth from heaven upon us 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 awe at your wonders. Amen.

- 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father 7 times.
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### **SECOND DAY** (Saturday of 6th Week of Easter)

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

**The Gift of Awe:** The gift of awe fills us with a sovereign respect for God. It makes us not only fear the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most all we fear to lose your love, Lord. It is the fear that is the beginning of wisdom, detaching us from worldly pleasures that could in any way separate us from God. "They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts, and in His sight will sanctify their souls."

**Prayer** Come, O blessed Spirit of Holy Fear, penetrate my inmost heart, that I may set you, my Lord and God, before my face forever, help me to shun all things that can offend You, and make me worthy to appear before the pure eyes of Your Divine Majesty in heaven, where You live and reign in the unity of the ever Blessed Trinity, God world without end. Amen.

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### **THIRD DAY** (7th Sunday of Easter or transferred Ascension)

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

**The Gift of Piety:** The gift of Piety places in our hearts an affection for God as our most loving Father. It inspires us to love and respect all people and all of creation, as well as His Blessed Mother and the Saints, the Church, our parents, and our country. Those who are filled with the gift of Piety find the practice of their religion, not a burdensome duty, but a delightful service. Where there is love, there is no labor.

**Prayer** Come, O Blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart. Enkindle therein such a love for God, that I may find satisfaction only in His service. Amen.

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### **FOURTH DAY** (Monday, 7th Week of Easter)

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

**The Gift of Fortitude (Courage):** By the gift of Fortitude the soul is strengthened against natural fear, and supported to the end in the performance of duty. Fortitude imparts to the will an impulse and energy which move it to undertake without hesitancy the most difficult tasks, to face dangers, to fight to protect human respect, and to endure without complaint the carrying of our daily cross. "He that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved."

**Prayer** Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity, sustain my efforts after holiness, strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies, that I may never be overcome and separated from Thee, my God and greatest Good. Amen.

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### **FIFTH DAY** (Tuesday, 7th Week of Easter)

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

**The Gift of Knowledge:** The gift of Knowledge enables the soul to evaluate created things at

their true worth--in their relation to God. Knowledge unmaskes our false pride and points out our true purpose as instruments in the service of God. It shows us the loving care of God even in adversity, and directs us to glorify Him in every circumstance of life. Guided by its light, we put first things first, and prize the friendship of God beyond all else. "Knowledge is a fountain of life to him that possesseth it."

**Prayer** Come, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father; show me the nothingness of earthly things, that I may realize their vanity and use them only for Thy glory and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to Thee, and Thy eternal rewards. Amen.

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### **SIXTH DAY** (Wednesday, 7th Week of Easter)

*If Thou take Thy grace away, nothing pure in us will stay, All our good is turn'd to ill.*

**The Gift of Understanding:** Understanding, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, helps us to grasp the meaning of the truths of our faith and through understanding we learn to appreciate and relish them. It enables us to penetrate the inner meaning of revealed truths and through them to be quickened to newness of life. Our faith ceases to be sterile and inactive, but inspires a mode of life that bears eloquent testimony to the faith that is in us; we begin to "walk worthy of God in all things pleasing, and increasing in the knowledge of God."

**Prayer** Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten our minds, that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation; and may merit at last to see the eternal light in Thy Light; and in the light of glory to have a clear vision of Thee and the Father and the Son. Amen.

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### **SEVENTH DAY** (Thursday, 7th Week of Easter)

*Heal our wounds--our strength renews; On our dryness pour Thy dew, Wash the stains of guilt away.*

**The Gift of Counsel:** Counsel gives the soul guidance, enabling us to discern what must be

done, especially in difficult circumstances. Counsel applies the principles furnished by Knowledge and Understanding to the innumerable concrete cases that confront us in the course of our daily duty as parents, teachers, public servants, and Christian citizens. Counsel is supernatural common sense, a priceless treasure in the quest of salvation. "Above all these things, pray to the Most High, that He may direct thy way in truth."

**Prayer** Come, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide me in all my ways, that I may always do Thy holy will. Incline my heart to that which is good; turn it away from all that is evil, and direct me by the straight path of Thy commandments to that goal of eternal life for which I long.

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### **EIGHTH DAY** (Friday, 7th Week of Easter)

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

**The Gift of Wisdom:** Embodying all the other gifts, as charity embraces all the other virtues, Wisdom is the most perfect of the gifts. Of wisdom it is written "all good things came to me with her, and innumerable riches through her hands." It is the gift of Wisdom that strengthens our faith, fortifies hope, perfects charity, and promotes the practice of virtue in the highest degree. Wisdom enlightens the mind to discern and relish things divine, in the appreciation of which earthly joys lose their savor, whilst the Cross of Christ yields a divine sweetness according to the words of the Saviour: "Take up thy cross and follow me, for my yoke is sweet and my burden light.

**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. Amen.

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### **NINTH DAY** (Saturday, Vigil of Pentecost)

*Thou, on those who evermore Thee confess and Thee Adore, in Thy sevenfold gift, Descend;*

*Give Them Comfort when they die; Give them Life with Thee on high; Give them joys which never end. Amen*

**The Fruits of the Holy Spirit:** The gifts of the Holy Spirit perfect the supernatural virtues by enabling us to practice them with greater acceptance of divine inspiration. As we grow in the knowledge and love of God under the direction of the Holy Spirit, our service becomes more sincere and generous, the practice of virtue more loving. Such acts of virtue leave the heart filled with joy and consolation and are known as Fruits of the Holy Spirit. These Fruits in turn render the practice of virtue more attractive and become a powerful incentive for still greater efforts in the service of God.

**Prayer** Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Thy heavenly fruits, Thy charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, mildness, and temperance, that I may never weary in the service of God, but by continuing to choose to love You I share in the love of Thee and the love of the Father and the Son. Amen.

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## **Feast of Pentecost** (Sunday – 10<sup>th</sup> Day)

Today let us pray for the infilling of the Holy Spirit and attend Holy Mass. We will be having renewal of confirmation vows and special prayers.

For this year – try to watch the Holy Mass telecasted through Facebook or YouTube and participate in the prayers.

Or

If you are not able to attend the mass online – then pray the following prayers and ask for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

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followed by the following prayer

- “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle 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. 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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