Novena for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The "Novena to the Holy Spirit" is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the First Pentecost. "He commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but should wait for the promises of the Father, which you have heard (saith he) by my mouth. For John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence...But you shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the uttermost part of the earth." (John 1:4-5, 8) 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, strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

This Novena begins on the Friday after Ascension Thursday (regardless of when your diocese celebrates the Feast of the Ascension)...that would be nine days before Pentecost Sunday. These prayers can replace your regular daily devotion for those nine days. To encourage devotion to the Holy Spirit, the Church has enriched this novena with the following indulgences:

A. The faithful who devoutly assist at a <u>public novena</u> in honor of the Holy Spirit on the nine days immediately preceding the feast of Pentecost may gain:

- 1. An indulgence of 10 years on any (and every) day of the novena.
- 2. A Plenary indulgence, if they take part in at least five of the exercises; **and** go to Confession, receive Holy Communion and pray for the Holy Father's intentions.

B. Those who make a <u>private novena</u>, either on the nine days preceding Pentecost or at any other time may gain:

- 1. An indulgence of 7 years on any (and every) day of the novena.
- 2. A Plenary indulgence under the usual conditions; but if a public novena is held, this indulgence is available only to those who are lawfully hindered from being part in the same.

[The above indulgences were granted prior to the 1968 Enchiridion of Indulgences].

Join us LIVE at 8pm EST every evening of this Novena. Call 712-775-7300, code 397114#.

We will also host the "Three Days Waiting" before Pentecost LIVE in our teleconference center beginning 11pm - 3am on Thursday night, 7pm – 11pm Friday evening, and 5pm – Midnight on Saturday. Join us when you can, leave when you need to. But do join us in prayer!

All times listed are Eastern Standard Time

Program for the Novena for the Seven Gifts

The program for the nine days is as follows:

- 1. Hymn to the Holy Spirit (you may use the one listed below or another of your choosing)
- 2. Roses of the Glorious Reign (Found in "Precious Blood of Jesus Daily Devotional" by the Association of the Precious Blood, page 128, also listed below)
- 3. Litany of the Holy Spirit (see below)
- 4. Novena for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (see below)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

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Veni Creator

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest!
And in our souls take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

To Thee the Comforter we cry, To Thee, the gift of God most high! The fount of life! The fire of love! The soul's anointing from above.

The sevenfold gifts of grace are Thine, O finger of the hand Divine; True promise of the Father, Thou! Who dost the tongue with speech endow.

Thy light to every thought impart, And shed Thy love in every heart; Our body's poor infirmity With strength perpetual fortify.

Our mortal foe afar repel, Grant us henceforth in peace to dwell; If Thou be our preventing guide, No evil can our steps betide.

Make Thou to us the Father known; Teach us the Eternal Son to own, And Thee, Whose name we ever bless, Of both, the Spirit to confess. All glory while the ages run
Be to the Father and the Son
Who rose from death; the same to Thee,
O Holy Ghost, eternally. Amen.

- V. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created;
- R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray

Oh God, Who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people by sending them the light of Thy Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

(From the Roman Breviary. An indulgence of 5 years. A plenary indulgence once a month, under the usual conditions, for the daily recitation of this hymn with its versicle and prayer.)

The Roses of the Glorious Reign

The Chaplet of Renewel

To be recited on ordinary Rosary beads (7 June 2003)

Our Lady said, "I come to offer you and the whole world another great gift from the hand of the Eternal Father. It is a gift of joy for all hearts that have received God's Kingdom, and also a gift of true repentance to all who receive it with hope. The gift is the Roses of the Glorious Reign... Receive it from me, for blessed are the hands that will receive it. This prayer shall be used to welcome the feast day of the Glorious Reign at Midnight from the 13th to the 14th of September, and to close the day by 11:00 pm on the 14th of September before the kissing of the cross at Midnight. The prayer shall be sung and offered with candlelight adoration (12 candles) to welcome the Spirit of the new Pentecost."

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

L: Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.

R: And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us Pray

O God, Who did teach the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Apostles Creed* (On crucifix)...
Our Father*... Hail Mary*... (on first bead)...
3 Glory Be's* (on set of 3 beads)...

Chant

O most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

THE FIRST MYSTERY

The Eternal Father's Plan to Redeem the World by Sending His Only-Begotten Son

(Pause and meditate)

A voice cried out from the highest throne saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go and redeem the world and bring My Kingdom down to them?" In the absence of any response, Jesus, the Eternal Word said, "Here I am, send Me Father."

O God, by the merits of this mystery, make me an instrument of salvation and renewal for the world. Amen.

Our Father*... Hail Mary*... (on single bead)

L: Come Holy Spirit, come into my heart and fill the hearts of the faithful *R*: *And renew the face of the earth*. (on 10 beads)

Glory Be*...

O most Holy Trinity; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I offer You the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, His flesh covered with wounds and blood, His agony in the garden, His scourging, His crowning with thorns, His rejection, His condemnation, His crucifixion and death, along with all the sufferings of Your Holy Church and the blood of martyrs, in reparation for my sins and those of the whole world. Amen.

Chant

O most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

THE SECOND MYSTERY

A Little Girl Called Mary was Chosen to be the Daughter of God the Father, Mother of God the Son and Spouse of God the Holy Spirit

(Pause and meditate)

God sent an angel to a little girl named Mary in the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to announce the birth of His only-begotten Son. At the greeting of the angel, the Holy Spirit descended upon her and she conceived of the Holy Spirit. She gave birth to the Redeemer of the world.

O God, by the merits of this mystery, give me the grace of purity and of humility, so that by humility I will crush the head of Satan and by purity my soul will be Your tabernacle. Amen.

Our Father*... Hail Mary*... (on single bead)

L: Come Holy Spirit, come into my heart and fill the hearts of the faithful *R*: *And renew the face of the earth.* (on 10 beads)

Glory Be*...

O most Holy Trinity; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I offer You the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, His flesh covered with wounds and blood, His agony in the garden, His scourging, His crowning with thorns, His rejection, His condemnation, His crucifixion and death, along with all the sufferings of Your Holy Church and the blood of martyrs, in reparation for my sins and those of the whole world. Amen.

Chant

O most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

THE THIRD MYSTERY

God Reveals His Son to the World

(Pause and meditate)

When the time came, God revealed His Son to the world. First, at His Baptism in the river Jordan when God said, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." (Mt 3:17) And again, during the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor when He added, "Listen to Him." (Mt 17:5)

O God, by the merits of this mystery, give me the grace to be what you created me to be, so as to do what you created me to do. Amen.

Our Father*... Hail Mary*...(on single bead)

L: Come Holy Spirit, come into my heart and fill the hearts of the faithful *R*: *And renew the face of the earth.* (on 10 beads)

Glory Be*...

O most Holy Trinity; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I offer You the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, His flesh covered with wounds and blood, His agony in the garden, His scourging, His crowning with thorns, His rejection, His condemnation, His crucifixion and death, along with all the sufferings of Your Holy Church and the blood of martyrs, in reparation for my sins and those of the whole world. Amen.

Chant

O most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

THE FOURTH MYSTERY

Jesus Proclaims the Kingdom of God on Earth

(Pause and meditate)

When the right time came, after fasting and being tempted by the devil, Jesus went into the cities of the world and proclaimed the Kingdom of God saying, "Repent! The Kingdom of God is at hand." He went about doing good and calling sinners back to God.

O God, by the merits of this mystery, give me the grace to proclaim Your Kingdom on earth by words and actions, so that Your Kingdom will reach the ends of the earth soon. Amen.

Our Father*... Hail Mary*...(on single bead)

L: Come Holy Spirit, come into my heart and fill the hearts of the faithful *R: And renew the face of the earth.* (on 10 beads)

Glory Be*...

O most Holy Trinity; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I offer You the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, His flesh covered with wounds and blood, His agony in the garden, His scourging, His crowning with thorns, His rejection, His condemnation, His crucifixion and death, along with all the sufferings of Your Holy Church and the blood of martyrs, in reparation for my sins and those of the whole world. Amen.

Chant

O most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

THE FIFTH MYSTERY

Triumph on the Cross

(Pause and Meditate)

"As man was defeated on the tree; man will be redeemed on the tree; so that the tree of man's downfall will be the tree of man's resurrection." And He came to His people, but His people did not welcome Him, rather, they dragged Him to the mountain called Golgotha where they nailed Him on the Cross. On that Cross, Christ announced His Triumph saying, "It is finished." (John 19:30)

O God, by the merits of this mystery, strengthen the faith of Your little ones on earth. May they unite with Your Church to conquer the Red Dragon for the manifestation of Your Glorious Reign. Amen.

Our Father*... Hail Mary*... (on single bead)

Come Holy Spirit, come into my heart and fill the hearts of the faithful the face of the earth. (on 10 beads)

Glory Be*...

O most Holy Trinity; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I offer You the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, His flesh covered with wounds and blood, His agony in the garden, His scourging, His crowning with thorns, His rejection, His condemnation, His crucifixion and death, along with all the sufferings of Your Holy Church and the blood of martyrs, in reparation for my sins and those of the whole world. Amen.

Chant

O most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. (repeat 3 times)

Hail Holy Queen*...

Litany of the Holy Spirit

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Father all-powerful, Have mercy on us. Jesus. Eternal Son of the Father. Redeemer of the world. Save us. Spirit of the Father and the Son, boundless life of both, Sanctify us. Holy Trinity, Hear us. Holy Spirit, Who proceedest from the Father and the Son, Enter our hearts. Holy Spirit, Who art equal to the Father and the Son, Enter our hearts. Promise of God the Father, *Have mercy on us. tectous Blood International Ray of heavenly light, Author of all good, Source of heavenly water Consuming fire Ardent charity Spiritual unction Spirit of love and truth Spirit of wisdom and understanding Spirit of counsel and fortitude Spirit of knowledge and piety Spirit of the fear of the Lord Spirit of grace and prayer Spirit of peace and meekness Spirit of modesty and innocence Holy Spirit, the Comforter Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier Holy Spirit, Who governest the Church Gift of God, the Most High Spirit Who fillest the universe Spirit of the adoption of the children of God Holy Spirit, inspire us with horror of sin. Holy Spirit, come and renew the face of the earth. Holy Spirit, shed Thy light in our souls. Holy Spirit, engrave Thy law in our hearts. Holy Spirit, inflame us with the flame of Thy love. Holy Spirit, open to us the treasures of Thy graces. Holy Spirit, teach us to pray well.

Holy Spirit, enlighten us with Thy heavenly inspirations.

Holy Spirit, grant us the only necessary knowledge. Holy Spirit, inspire in us the practice of good. Holy Spirit, grant us the merits of all virtues. Holy Spirit, make us persevere in justice.

Holy Spirit, lead us in the way of salvation.

Holy Spirit, be Thou our everlasting reward. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world Send us Thy Holy Spirit.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Pour down into our souls the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *Grant us the Spirit of wisdom and piety*.

V. Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of Thy faithful, R. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

Let us pray

Grant, O merciful Father, that Thy Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame and purify us, that He may penetrate us with His heavenly dew and make us fruitful in good works, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, forever and ever. *R. Amen.*

Novena for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

600/ hx

FIRST DAY, Friday after the Ascension

Holy Spirit! Lord of Light! From Thy clear celestial height, Thy 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 has vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and the Holy Spirit, and hast given us forgiveness of all sins, vouchsafe to send forth from heaven upon us Thy 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 (reverence). Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; and Glory Be to the Father (seven times each). Act of Consecration (below)
Prayer for the Seven Gifts (below)

SECOND DAY, Saturday after the Ascension

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

The Gift of Fear: The gift of Fear fills us with a sovereign respect for God, and makes us dread nothing so much as to offend Him by sin. It is a fear that arises, not from the thought of hell, but from sentiments of reverence and filial submission to our heavenly Father. It is the fear that is the beginning of wisdom, detaching us from the 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 Thee, my Lord and God, before my face forever, help me to shun all things that can offend Thee, and make me worthy to appear before the pure eyes of Thy Divine Majesty in heaven, where Thou livest and reignest in the unity of the ever Blessed Trinity, God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; and Glory Be to the Father (seven times each). Act of Consecration (below) Prayer for the Seven Gifts (below)

THIRD DAY, Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

The Gift of Piety: The gift of Piety begets in our hearts a filial affection for God as our most loving Father. It inspires us to love and respect for His sake persons and things consecrated to Him, as well as those who are vested with His authority, His Blessed Mother and the Saints, the Church and its visible Head, our parents and superiors, our country and its rulers. He who is filled with the gift of Piety finds the practice of his 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, and for His sake lovingly submit to all legitimate authority. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; and Glory Be to the Father (seven times each). Act of Consecration (below) Prayer for the Seven Gifts (below)

FOURTH DAY, Monday, Seventh Week of Easter

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

The Gift of Fortitude: 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 arduous tasks, to face dangers, to trample under foot human respect, and to endure without complaint the slow martyrdom of even lifelong tribulation. "He that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved."

Praver:

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude uphold my soul in time of troubles 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.

Our Father; Hail Mary; and Glory Be to the Father (seven times each). Act of Consecration (below) Prayer for the Seven Gifts (below)

FIFTH DAY, Tuesday, Seventh 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 unmasks the pretense of creatures, reveals their emptiness, and points out their only 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.

Our Father; Hail Mary; and Glory Be to the Father (seven times each). Dallional Act of Consecration (below) Prayer for the Seven Gifts (below)

SIXTH DAY, Wednesday, Seventh Week of Easter

If Thou take Thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay; All his good is turned 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 holy religion. By faith we know them, but by 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 of Thy Light; and in the light of glory to have a clear vision of Thee and the Father and the Son. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; and Glory Be to the Father (seven times each). Act of Consecration (below)
Prayer for the Seven Gifts (below)

SEVENTH DAY, Thursday, Seventh Week of Easter

Heal our wounds - our strength renew; On our dryness pour Thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away!

The Gift of Counsel: The gift of Counsel endows the soul with supernatural prudence, enabling it to judge promptly and rightly 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 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. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; and Glory Be to the Father (seven times each). Act of Consecration (below) Prayer for the Seven Gifts (below)

EIGHTH DAY, Friday, Seventh 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 come 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 Savior: "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 for ever. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; and Glory Be to the Father (seven times each). Act of Consecration (below) Prayer for the Seven Gifts (below)

NINTH DAY, Saturday, Seventh Week of Easter, Eve of Pentecost

Thou, on those who evermore
Thee confess and Thee adore
In Thy sevenfold gifts, descend:
Give them comfort when they die;
Give the 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 docility to 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 becomes more perfect. 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, to serve Whom is to reign.

Prayer:

Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Thy heavenly fruits, Thy charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, faith, mildness, and temperance, that I may never weary on the service of God, but by continued faithful submission to Thy inspiration may merit to be united eternally with Thee in the love of the Father and the Son. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; and Glory Be to the Father (seven times each). Act of Consecration (below).

Prayer for the Seven Gifts (below).

Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body, to Thee, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Thy purity, the unerring keenness of Thy justice, and the might of Thy love. Thou art the Strength and Light of my soul. In Thee I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve Thee by unfaithfulness to grace, and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against Thee. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Thy light, and listen to Thy voice, and follow Thy gracious inspirations. I cling to Thee and give myself to Thee and ask Thee, by Thy 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 Thee, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in Thy grace that I may never sin against Thee. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to Thee always and everywhere, "Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth." Amen.

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven, didst promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Thy work in the souls of Thy Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul the work of Thy grace and Thy love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal; the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Thy 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 Thee 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 grow perfect in the science of the Saints; the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable; the Spirit of Fear 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 Thy true disciples and animate me in all things with Thy Spirit. Amen.

Additional Prayers to the Holy Spirit

Invocation to the Holy Spirit

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created;

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray

Oh God, Who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful by the light of Thy Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit, to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Act of Filial Submission

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do, give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know Your will. Amen.

Sequence for Pentecost

Come, Thou Holy Paraclete, And from Thy celestial seat Send Thy light and brilliancy.

Father of the poor, draw near, Giver of all gifts, be here, Come, the soul's true radiancy.

Come, of comforters the best, Of the soul the sweetest guest, Come in toil refreshingly.

Thou in labor, rest most sweet, Thou art shadow from the heat. Comfort in adversity.

O Thou light, most pure and blest, Shine within the inmost breast

Of Thy faithful company.

Where Thou art not, man hath naught; Ev'ry holy deed and thought Comes from Thy divinity.

What is soiled, make Thou pure; What is wounded, work its cure; What is parched, fructify.

What is rigid, gently bend; What is frozen, warmly tend; Strengthen what goes erringly.

Fill Thy faithful, who confide In Thy power to guard and guide, With Thy sevenfold mystery.

Here Thy grace and mercy send; Grant salvation in the end,

And in heaven felicity. Amen. (From the Roman Missal. An indulgence of 5 years. A plenary indulgence once a month, on the usual conditions, for its daily devout recitation.)

Indulgenced Invocations

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth, come into our hearts; shed the brightness of Thy light upon the nations, that they may please Thee in unity of faith. Amen. (From the Raccolta. An indulgence of 300 days.)

O Holy Spirit, sweet guest of my soul, abide in me and grant that I may ever abide in Thee. Amen. (From the Raccolta. An indulgence of 300 days.)

God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us. Amen. (From the Raccolta. An indulgence of 500 days. A plenary indulgence, on the usual conditions, if the daily devout recitation of this invocation is continued for a month.)

May our hearts be cleansed, O Lord, by the inpouring of the Holy Spirit, and may He render them fruitful by watering them with His heavenly dew. Amen. (From the Roman Missal. An indulgence of 500 days. A plenary indulgence, on the usual conditions, for the daily recital of this invocation for a month.)

May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our senses and our hearts. Amen. (From the Roman Breviary. An indulgence of 500 days. A plenary indulgence, on the usual conditions, provided that this invocation is recited daily with sentiments of devotion for a whole month.)



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