

## Novena to the Holy Spirit

*(especially appropriate from Ascension Day to the Vigil of Pentecost)*

*Begin with this Introduction each day:*

- V. ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- V. Come, O Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.
- R. And You will renew the face of the earth.

*Then follows the hymn to the Holy Spirit ...Come, Thou Creator:*

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

Great Paraclete, to Thee we cry,  
O highest gift of God most high;  
O living Fount, O Fire, O Love,  
And sweet anointing from above.

The mystic seven-fold gifts are Thine,  
Finger of God's right hand divine,  
The Father's promise sent to teach,  
The tongue a rich and heavenly speech.

All glory while the ages run  
Be to the Father and the Son,  
Who gave us life; the same to Thee,  
O Holy Ghost, eternally.  
Amen.

*The following prayer is offered next:*

- All. O Holy Spirit, my Lord and my God, I adore You and humbly acknowledge here in Your sacred presence that I am nothing, and can do nothing, without Your operation within me. Come, great Paraclete, thou Father of the poor, thou Comforter of the blest, fulfill the promise of our Savior, who would not leave us orphans, and enter my mind and heart as You descended on the day of Pentecost upon the holy Mother of

Jesus and upon His first disciples. Grant that I may have a part in those gifts which You did so prodigally bestow upon them.

Take from my heart all that is not pleasing to You and make of it a worthy dwelling place for Jesus.

Illumine my mind, that I may see and understand the things that are for my eternal welfare.

Inflame my heart with pure love of the Father, that, cleansed from attachment to all unworthy objects, my whole life may be hidden with Jesus in God.

Strengthen my will, that it may be conformable to the will of my Creator and guided by thy holy inspirations.

Aid me to practice the heavenly virtues of humility, poverty, and obedience which are taught me in the earthly life of Jesus.

Descend upon me, O mighty Spirit, that, inspired and encouraged by You, I may faithfully fulfill the duties of my state in life, carry my daily cross with patience and courage, and accomplish the Father's will for me more perfectly. Make me, day by day, more holy and give to me that heavenly peace which the world cannot give.

O Holy Spirit, Giver of every good and perfect gift, grant to me the intentions of this novena of prayer. May the Father's will be done in me and through me. And may You, O mighty Spirit of the living God, be praised and glorified for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayer is offered next:*

V. Let us pray:

O God, who as at this time did teach the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Next one of the prayers proper to the day below is offered:*

***First Day***

**All.** Come, O Holy Ghost, the Lord and Life-giver; take up Your dwelling within my soul, and make of it Your sacred temple. Make me live by grace as an adopted son of God. Pervade all the energies of my soul, and create in me a fountain of living water springing up into life everlasting.

***Second Day***

**All.** Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to my soul the mysteries of heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, and power, and beauty. Teach me to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Show me the way by which I may be able to attain to them, and possess them, and hold them hereafter, my own forever.

*Third Day*

**All.** Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten my mind, that I may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation, and may merit at last to see the eternal light in Your light; and in the light of glory to have the clear vision of thee and the Father and the Son.

*Fourth Day*

**All.** 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 path of Your commandments to the goal of eternal life.

*Fifth Day*

**All.** Come, O Spirit of Fortitude, and give courage to my soul. Make my heart strong in all trials and in all distress, pouring forth abundantly into it the gifts of strength, that I may be able to resist the attacks of the devil.

*Sixth Day*

**All.** Come, O Spirit of Knowledge, and make me understand and despise the emptiness and nothingness of the world. Give me grace to use the world only for Your glory and the salvation of Your creatures. May I always be very faithful in putting thy rewards before every earthly gift.

*Seventh Day*

**All.** Come, O Spirit of Piety, possess my heart; incline it to a true faith in You, to a holy love of You my God, that with my whole soul I may seek You, and find You my best, my truest joy.

*Eighth Day*

**All.** Come, O Spirit of holy Fear, penetrate my inmost heart, that I may set You, my Lord and God, before my face forever; and shun all things that can offend You so that I may be made worthy to appear before the pure eyes of Your divine Majesty in

the heaven of heavens, where You live and reign in the unity of the Ever-blessed Trinity, world without end.

*Ninth Day*

**All.** Come, O Holy Comforter, and grant me a relish for heavenly things. Produce in my soul the fruits of virtue, so that, being filled with all sweetness and joy in the pursuit of good, I may attain unto eternal blessedness.

*From Saint Augustine's Prayer Book*

*Then is said the Our Father and Hail Mary and Glory be...*

**All.** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee,  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the ☩ Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Then the following closing prayer is said:*

**V.** Almighty God, You instruct the hearts of the faithful thru the grace of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and to ever rejoice in His comfort, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**V.** ☩ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.