

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

From Sacred Novenas

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HYMN -- COME HOLY GHOST

Come Holy Ghost Creator Blest,
And In Our Hearts Take Up Thy Rest
Come With Thy Grace And Heavenly Aid To Fill Our Hearts Which Thou Hast Made
To Fill Our Hearts Which Thou Hast Made

O Comforter, To You We Cry,
Our Heavenly Gift Of God Most High
Our Fount Of Life And Fire Of Love,
And Sweet Anointing From Above
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NOVENA PRAYER

O Holy Spirit, divine Consoler! We adore you as our true God. We bless you by uniting ourselves to the praises you receive from the angels and the saints. We offer you our whole hearts, and we render our heartfelt thanks for all the benefits you have bestowed and do unceasingly bestow upon the world. You who are the author of supernatural gifts and who did enrich with immense favor the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God. We beseech you to visit us by your grace and your love, and grant us the favor we so earnestly seek in this novena . . . O Holy Spirit, Spirit of Truth, come into our hearts: shed the brightness of your light on all nations, that they may be one in faith and pleasing to you Amen

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of the 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.

First Day

Oh Holy Spirit, bestow upon us your 7 holy gifts. Enlighten our understanding that we may know you. Give us wisdom that your will may be clear to us and that we may accept it. Grant us the gift of counsel that we may always perceive what is right. Fortify us that we may always be capable of fulfilling the divine will. Inspire us with the spirit of learning that we may be able to penetrate more deeply into the truth that you have revealed. Let our hearts be steeped in the spirit of childlikeness that we may bring you joy. Let us have a proper fear of God that we may never grieve you or wander from the path of goodness. Give us the fullness of your gifts that we may glorify you. Amen.

Look with compassion upon us. Oh Holy Spirit, and grant us the favor we seek in this novena . . . if it be in accord with the divine will.

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Second Day

O Holy Spirit, make us faithful in every thought, and grant that we may always listen to your voice, and watch for your light, and follow your gracious inspirations. We cling to you, and give ourselves to you, and ask you by your compassion to watch over us in our weakness. Holding the pierced feet of Jesus, looking at his five wounds, trusting in his precious blood, adoring his open side and stricken heart, we implore you, Adorable Spirit helper of our infirmities, to keep us in your grace, now and always, and grant us the favor we ask in this novena ... Amen.

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Third Day

Heavenly Father, you have called us to be members of the mystical body of your son Jesus Christ, and to be temples of the Holy Spirit. We ask you to give us these gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, that we may understand the follies of this world; understanding, that we may grasp more fully the meaning of our existence and the purpose of all things in the world; counsel, that we may always choose the proper way; fortitude, that we may remain faithful to you under the pressure of temptation; piety, that we may revere you in all we do, think, or say; fear of the Lord, that, should the motive of love fail us, we may be quickly awakened to the eternal consequences of our deeds. Visit us by your grace and your love and grant us the favor we so earnestly seek in this novena . . . Amen.

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Fourth Day

O God, who today by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, give us, by the light of the same Holy Spirit, a love for what is right and just and a constant enjoyment of his comforts. Pray, O Holy Spirit, that we may strive to learn more of our faith; that we may ever be conscious that reason in all its human magnificence is capable of grasping but a glimpse of the reality that is God. Pray that we may accept as the motto of our lives: "All for the greater glory of God" and grant us the favor we so earnestly seek in this novena . . . Amen.

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Fifth Day

Come, O Spirit of sanctity, from the glory of heaven and send forth the radiance of your light. Father of all the poor, light and peace of all hearts, come with your countless gifts. Consoler in desolation; refreshment full of loveliness, come, dear friend of our souls. In weariness send repose; breathe gently the cool refreshing breeze; console the desolate who weep alone. O light of beatitude, make our hearts ready; come enter into our souls. Without your grace, man stands

alone; he cannot be good or sure. Cleanse what is soiled; heal what is wounded; moisten what is arid. Bend the stubborn will; warm the cold hearts; guide the wandering footstep. O Holy Spirit, we beg you to give us grace through your sevenfold power and grant us the favor we so earnestly seek in the novena . . . Give us merit for the present, and one day beatitude when we have finished our earthly journey. Amen.

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Sixth Day

O Father in heaven, we beg you to send the Holy Spirit. May your Holy Spirit remind us when we am apt to forget your way, your love, your promises. May your Holy Spirit strengthen our memories to recall frequently your sanctity, omniscience, wisdom and goodness, faithfulness and love. May your Holy Spirit encourage us when we re slothful; strengthen us when we are weak; enlighten us when we no longer can help ourselves. Breathe into us, O Holy Spirit, that our minds may turn to what is holy. Move us, that we may do what is holy. Stir us, that we may love what is holy. Protect us, Holy Spirit, that we may never lose what is holy and grant us the favor we so earnestly seek in this novena . . . Amen.

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Seventh Day

Come, Holy Spirit, creator of all things: come; visit our hearts with your power. Fill with grace, friendly guest, the hearts which you have created. You are called the Consoler, gift from the hand of God, source of life, light, love and flame, highest good. You are the pledge of sevenfold grace, finger of the Father's hand, promised us by him, and you make our tongues speak the truth. Cast light on our senses, pour love into our hearts; grant our weak bodies strength, that they may never grow weary of doing good, and grant us the favor we so earnestly seek in this novena . . . Keep the enemy far from us, give us peace always, let us willingly follow in your footsteps that we may be far removed from sin. Grant that through you we may grow in knowledge of the Father and of the Son, and that we may ever strongly believe in you, the Spirit of both. Praise and honor be forever to the Father on the highest throne, in the risen Son of God in the Consoler. Amen.

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Eighth Day

O Holy Spirit, life and light of the Church, give us thoughts higher than our own thoughts, and prayers better than our own prayers, and powers beyond our own powers, that we may love and live, imitating Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Come to us, Holy Spirit, come with the Father and the Son and grant us the favor we so earnestly seek in this novena . . . Vouchsafe to dwell within our souls and quickly make our hearts your own. Quench in us the fires of hate and

strife, the wasting fever of the heart. From perils guard our feeble life and to our souls your peace impart. Let voice and mind and heart and strength confess and glorify your name and let the fire of charity burn bright and other hearts inflame. Amen.

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Ninth Day

O Lord, Holy Spirit, grant us sight to see the wondrous promise of divine love; insight to see our own weaknesses; delight in your divine presence in our souls, which you have made your temple through sanctifying, grace. We pray, O Holy Spirit, that we be not doubting; that we be spared the pain of being alone without trust or hope in Christ; that our prayer may always be “My Lord and our God!” We pray that we may acquire a sense of retreat to prayer and recollection at various times in our daily lives; for prayer is the bond that joins us to Christ. We pray that we may be aware of the physical needs of the poor and that we may share what we can with them in the charitable works of the Church. We pray, O Holy Spirit, that you will in your mercy grant us the favor we have sought in this novena . . . Amen.

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“He who asks of God in faith things needed for this life is sometimes mercifully heard and sometimes mercifully not heard. For the physician knows better than the patient what will avail for the sick man.”

CLOSING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From Thy throne in splendor bright
Shed on us a ray divine;
Come and from Thy boundless store
On our hearts Thy treasures pour;
Come and make us truly Thine.

O Thou blessed light divine,
Shine within these hearts of Thine,
And our inmost being fill!

Heal our wounds: our strength renew;
On our dryness pour Thy dew;
Wash our stains of guilt away;
Bend and sway our stubborn will;
From our hearts remove the chill;
Guide our footsteps when we stray.