SIXTH DAY  
Human Weakness and Sinfulness

If Thou take Thy grace away,  
nothing pure in man will stay.  
All his good is turned to ill.

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.” Amen.

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SEVENTH DAY  
Growth in the Freedom that Love Gives

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

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. Amen.

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EIGHTH DAY  
Gifted through the Spirit

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

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Wisdom, strengthen my faith, increase my hope, perfect my charity.

Father, enlighten us each day, in the silence of our hearts, to discern the voice of Your Spirit, to do what He asks of us and to understand the gifts He freely gives us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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NINTH DAY  
Sent with the Power to Reconcile

Thou, on those who evermore  
Thee confess and Thee adore,  
in Thy sevenfold gifts, descend.  
Give them comfort when they die.  
Give them life with Thee on high.  
Give them joys which never end. Amen.

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.

Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Your heavenly fruits: Your 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. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS  
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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.
FIRST DAY
Creation Awaits Fulfillment

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
from Your clear celestial height,
Your pure beaming radiance give!

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, baptized in Your Spirit, may be filled with the seven gifts so that I may forever do Your will and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

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SECOND DAY
Christ’s Promise to Send the Paraclete

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

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. Amen

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THIRD DAY
The Soul of Christ’s Body, the Church

Thou, of all consolers best,
visiting the troubles’ breast
does refreshing peace bestow.

Come, O blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart.
God, our Father, may I, through the grace of Your Spirit, be forever filled with filial affection for You.
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. Amen.

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FOURTH DAY
The Dignity of the Christian

Thou, in toil art comfort sweet;
pleasant coolness in the heat;
solace in the midst of woe.

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 in 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. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

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FIFTH DAY
Gifted to Serve and Build Up Others

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

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. Amen.

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