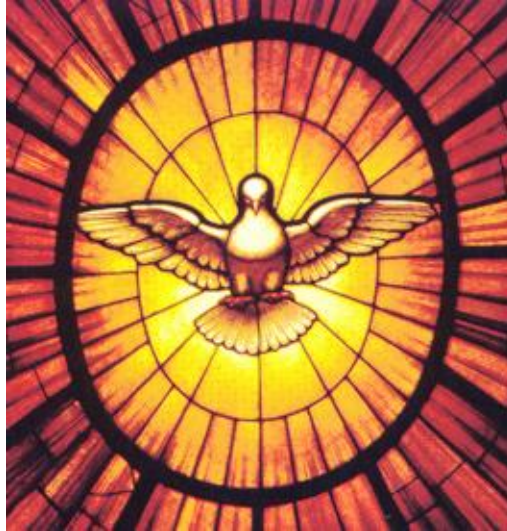


## *Novena to the Holy Spirit*



### ***Introduction:***

*This novena is a nine-day prayer, recalling the nine days that the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles spent in prayer between **Ascension Thursday** and **Pentecost Sunday**. When Christ ascended into Heaven, He told them that He would send His Holy Spirit, and so they prayed for the coming of the Spirit.*

*Because of the connection between the original novena and Pentecost, this particular novena is very special. It is an expression of the desire of the faithful to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit*

*Most often prayed between Ascension and Pentecost, it can be prayed at any time of the year.*

## ***Prayers for the First Day:***

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

***Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.***

*Let us Pray: Almighty and eternal God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given us forgiveness of all sins, vouchsafe to 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 Holy Fear. Amen.*

## ***Prayers for the Second Day:***

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

***Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.***

*Let us Pray: 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.*

### ***Prayers for the Third Day:***

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

*Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.*

*Let us Pray: 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.*

### ***Prayers for the Fourth Day:***

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

*Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.*

*Let Us Pray: 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.*

## ***Prayers for the Fifth Day:***

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

***Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.***

*Let Us Pray: 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.*

## ***Prayers for the Sixth Day:***

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

***Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.***

*Let Us Pray: 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.*

### ***Prayers for the Seventh Day:***

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

*Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.*

*Let Us Pray: 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.*

### ***Prayers for the Eighth Day:***

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

*Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.*

*Let Us Pray: 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.*

## ***Prayers for the Ninth Day:***

*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.*

***Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.***

*Let Us Pray: 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 in 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.*