

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

(To be recited daily during the Novena)

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your 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 Your 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 You 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 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 Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen. **Continue with the prayers for individual days.**

First Day: The Holy Spirit

Almighty and eternal God, Who hast 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 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.

Recite the Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE.
Recite the Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.

Second Day: The Gift of Fear

Come, Holy Spirit! Grant me the Spirit of Fear of the Lord, that I may be filled with a sovereign respect for God, and dread nothing so much as to offend Him by sin.

Recite the Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE.
Recite the Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.

Third Day: The Gift of Piety

Come, Holy Spirit! Grant me the Spirit of Piety, that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable.

Recite the Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE.
Recite the Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.

Fourth Day: The Gift of Fortitude

Come, Holy Spirit! Grant me the Spirit of Fortitude, that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation.

Recite the Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE.
Recite the Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.

Fifth Day: The Gift of Knowledge

Come, Holy Spirit! Grant me the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself, and grow perfect in the science of the Saints.

Recite the Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE.
Recite the Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.

Sixth Day: The Gift of Understanding

Come, Holy Spirit! Grant me the Spirit of Understanding, to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth.

Recite the Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE.
Recite the Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.

Seventh Day: The Gift of Counsel

Come, Holy Spirit! Grant me the Spirit of Counsel, that I may ever choose the surest ways of pleasing God and gaining heaven.

Recite the Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE.
Recite the Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.

Eighth Day: The Gift of Wisdom

Come, Holy Spirit! 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.

Recite the Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE.
Recite the Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.

Ninth Day: The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

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.

Recite the Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE.
Recite the Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O God, grant that our constant prayers may make us deserving of the Holy Spirit. We are grateful for all the graces and lights we have received. With His continued assistance, may we attain the perfection in the state of life to which You have called us. This we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

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Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Novena to the Holy Spirit: Definitions - Before praying the Novena, write the definitions of the related topics of prayer in your own words (for example, what does the Holy Spirit mean to you?):

Day 1:

Holy Spirit-

Day 2:

Fear of the Lord -

Day 3:

Piety -

Day 4:

Fortitude -

Day 5:

Knowledge -

Day 6:

Understanding -

Day 7:

Counsel -

Day 8:

Wisdom -

Day 9: Fruits of the Holy Spirit:

Charity- _____

Joy - _____

Patience - _____

Benignity - _____

Goodness - _____

Faith - _____

Mildness - _____

Temperance - _____