

EIGHTH DAY: *The Fruits of the Holy Spirit*

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,

Response: And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Leader: Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created,

Response: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Leader: The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as a pledge of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity. These fruits mark the lives of those who live by the Spirit, as St. Paul tells the Galatians when he writes: "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's lead" (5:16-17). The fruits of the Holy Spirit produce spiritual delight, and fill with joy the hearts of those who belong to Christ. May the Holy Spirit fill us with "the joy of living the Gospel," so that many others may be drawn to Christ and his Church, as the fruit of a new Pentecost in our time.

All: Holy Spirit, eternal Love of the Father and the Son, kindly bestow on us the fruit of charity, that we may be united to you by divine love; the fruit of joy, that we may be filled with holy consolation; the fruit of peace, that we may enjoy tranquility of soul; and the fruit of goodness, that we may live the gospel without wavering.

Divine Spirit, be pleased to infuse in us the fruit of generosity, that we may willingly meet our neighbors' needs; the fruit of kindness, that we may be benevolent toward all; the fruit of patience, that we may not be discouraged by delay, but may persevere in prayer and charity; and the fruit of gentleness, that we may subdue every rising of ill temper, stifle every murmur, and overcome the sinful tendencies of our nature in all our dealings with our neighbor.

Creator Spirit, graciously impart to us the fruit of faithfulness, that we may rely with assured confidence on the Word of God; the fruit of modesty, that we may order our demeanor properly; and the fruits of self-control and chastity, that we may keep our bodies in such holiness as befits your temple, so that having by your assistance preserved our hearts pure on earth, we may merit in Jesus Christ, according to the words of the Gospel, to see God eternally in the glory of his kingdom. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... 7 Glory Be...