

NOVENA TO THE
Holy Spirit

The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

Opening Hymn

O SAVING VICTIM

O saving Victim, open wide
The gate of Heaven to man below;
Our foes press on from every side;
Your aid supply; Your strength bestow.

To your great name be endless praise;
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
Grant us, for endless length of days,
In our true native land to be.

MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE PRAYER

Mary, Mother of Hope with great confidence we place our needs in your hands. We ask you to speak to your Son, in our name. He knows our prayers. We kindly beg you to intercede for us, knowing that He will listen to you. Amen.

PENTECOST NOVENA PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you came to destroy the works of the devil and to call us all children of God. You sent us the Advocate so that we may know your truth and rest in the bosom of the Father.

Hear our prayers and supplications Lord as we beg of you to help us in this time of darkness and confusion. Send us Angels in sufficient rank, number, power and authority to fight the demons off and away from us, to fight the demons off and away from our families, our communities and our nations. We ask Our Lady and the entire Communion of Saints to intercede and pray on our behalf. We are your Mystical Body, and we ask for healing through forgiveness and restoration.

Lord Jesus, rain down the Holy Spirit upon all of Mankind. Illuminate and convict each of us of who we are in your eyes. Show us how much you love us and comfort us as you reveal to us our faults. Give us the strength and courage to surrender our sin to you, who alone can make us whole. May we turn back to you with our whole heart and be transformed in your image.

We implore you through the intercession of Saint Michael, lift the veil of confusion that plagues us. Lord, show us your mercy. In this we give thanks and praise. All Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

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

2 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.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me then O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

Hymn

COME HOLY GHOST

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid
To fill the hearts which thou hast made.

O Comforter, to thee we cry,
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high;
Thou font of life and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above.

Praise be to thee, Father and Son,
And Holy Spirit, with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow.

FIRST DAY: *The Gift of Fear of the Lord*

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: “Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways.” Whenever Scripture speaks of the fear of the Lord, we notice that it never mentions it on its own, as if fear could, by itself, bring our faith to perfection. But of the true fear of the Lord we read: “Come, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord.” The fear of God, then, is something to be learned, because it is taught. Its origins are found by way of teaching, and not in fright. We find it in obeying the commandments, in doing the good deeds of a blameless life, in coming to know the truth, and not in moments of human terror. All our fear of God is inspired and perfected by love. By the gift of the Holy Spirit, may we be overwhelmed by the greatness and goodness of God, and avoid all sin and attachment to created things, so that each of us may be a living sign of the gospel for all people to see.

All: Heavenly Father, from the beginning of time you have prepared the way of salvation for the human race wounded by sin and death. Through your inspired word, you have taught that the “fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” By the gift of the Holy Spirit may we walk always along the path you have revealed, following your counsels, conforming ourselves to your commands, and trusting your promises as heralds of a new Pentecost. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

7 Glory Be...

SECOND DAY: *The Gift of Fear of Piety*

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: Piety is the honor and reverence given to someone who is in any way responsible for our existence and our well-being. The gift of piety moves our hearts, first of all, to filial honor and reverence for God because he is our creator and redeemer. The devotional life of the Church is an expression of our honor and reverence for God and for all that belongs to heaven. Piety also extends to our earthly parents, and to all others whom God has placed over us in some way, for our spiritual and material good. May the Holy Spirit renew the gift of piety within our hearts and homes, our parishes and communities, so that by our example of honor and reverence we may be a model to others of a life lived in and for God.

All: Gracious Lord, you have fashioned everything out of nothing, giving life and breath to all that exists. You order everything according to your loving providence, and establish the relationships by which our lives are nurtured and ordered. Confirm in us the gift of piety, so that by our honor and reverence for you and for those you have given to us, we may bear witness to the working of the Holy Spirit, and become instruments of a new Pentecost in our time. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

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THIRD DAY: *The Gift of Fortitude*

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: Fortitude is steadfastness in doing what is right and good in the face of obstacles and trials. The gift of fortitude overcomes unreasonable fears, on the one hand, and keeps us from being reckless, on the other. It is the special virtue of those who are pioneers in any endeavor. Fortitude makes it possible for us to undertake difficult tasks, to face risks and dangers, and to endure whatever comes without undue anxiety, discouragement or complaint. Without fortitude we cannot hope to persevere in our Christian calling. Nor can we fulfill the mission that is ours by Baptism and Confirmation, to bear witness to the gospel for the salvation of the world. May the Holy Spirit renew in us the gift of fortitude amid all the challenges presented by today's society and culture.

All: Almighty Father, be gracious and bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that we may persevere with fortitude in doing what we know to be right and good. Strengthen us in our weakness, so that when we are weary, discouraged, or are put to the test, we may overcome every obstacle, and be refreshed on the path to holiness and virtue. May no trial or difficulty keep us from bearing witness to the splendor of truth which radiates from the face of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, now and forever, Amen.

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

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FOURTH DAY: *The Gift of Knowledge*

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: According to the Scriptures, true knowledge can only be acquired by recognizing the loving call of God, and by responding with love to his divine plan. St. John's gospel tells us: "This is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." Knowledge is centered entirely on the supreme mystery of Christ, and his dying and rising, which unlock the meaning of every human life and of all history. As a gift of the Holy Spirit, knowledge gives us certainty that all things are ordered to God in Christ. This knowledge is revealed on every page of Scripture, is deepened by the Church's living tradition, and is celebrated in the liturgy. By a new Pentecost in our time, may the Holy Spirit confirm in us a sure knowledge of the truths of faith.

All: Father, we ask you to send the Holy Spirit upon our minds and hearts so that the gift of knowledge which is ours by Baptism and Confirmation may be purified and deepened. May the darkness of our sins be overcome by the splendor of knowing you, the only true God, and the one whom you have sent, Jesus Christ. Filled with the knowledge imparted by the Holy Spirit, may we radiate light for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

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FIFTH DAY: *The Gift of Understanding*

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: Understanding, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, perfects our faith by enabling us to penetrate the inner meaning of revealed truths in a way that transcends human reason. Our natural way of knowing is elevated by a graced intuition and insight into the things of God. By faith we know them, but by the gift of understanding we learn to appreciate and relish them. This appreciation radiates outward to others, because our faith is no longer just a matter of information from a book, but a way of living rooted in intimacy with the mysteries of Christ. May the Holy Spirit attune our hearts and minds to a deeper spiritual understanding of these mysteries, so that as missionary disciples of a new Pentecost in our time, we may draw others to Christ and to his church.

All: Father, send the Holy Spirit into our minds and hearts, giving us a deeper understanding of the mysteries of salvation. May he teach and instruct us, the people you have made your own, so that we may never waver in our faith, but by the gift of understanding may be ready to give an answer to all who ask the reason for the hope that is within us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

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SIXTH DAY: *The Gift of Counsel*

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 gift of counsel applies our knowledge and understanding to the many concrete situations of everyday life. Counsel elevates the virtue of prudence, so that we will choose the wisest course of action in a given situation, especially when we are perplexed as to the right choice to be made. Counsel endows us with a desire to act always in a way that promotes our sanctification and salvation, in accordance with God's holy will. We pray that the Holy Spirit will richly endow us with the ability to judge rightly the situations that challenge our faith, so that we may not waver along the path to holiness.

All: Father, send the Spirit of Counsel upon us for the accomplishment of your holy will in our lives, in the Church, and in the world. Incline our hearts to your will, our minds to right judgment, and our actions to what is good, so that living by the Holy Spirit, we may truly be "salt and light" for others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

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SEVENTH DAY: *The Gift of Wisdom*

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 gift of wisdom is nothing less than loving, contemplative union with God, which makes it possible for us to see all things from a divine perspective. When it is understood in its full breadth, wisdom can rightly be called “communion,” since it is a share in divine life, a union made perfect in the truth of love. Embodying all the other gifts, as charity embraces all the other virtues, wisdom is the most perfect of the gifts. It strengthens our faith, fortifies hope, perfects charity, and promotes the practice of virtue in the highest degree. May the Holy Spirit raise up our hearts and minds to rest in God alone, so that we, his people, may be living signs of a new Pentecost in our time.

All: Father, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations. May he permeate our thoughts, words and actions, so that bearing witness to the gift of salvation, your church may lead all people to Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

7 Glory Be...

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...

NINTH DAY: *The Lord & Giver of Life, the Paraclete*

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: In the Trinitarian plan of salvation, the Father draws us to the Son, whom the Holy Spirit reveals and disposes us to welcome. As “the Lord and Giver of Life,” the Holy Spirit brings about our rebirth in Baptism as the Father’s adopted children in Christ, and as sharers in divine life. Jesus calls the indwelling Holy Spirit our “Paraclete,” which literally means “one who stands besides us” as a counselor, consoler, advocate and friend. The Holy Spirit leads the Church into “all the truth,” and is the source and dynamic force of the Church’s unity and mission. It is no wonder, then, that in every age the fruitfulness of the Church depends on the renewal of the mystery of Pentecost in the minds and hearts of believers. This is the renewal that we seek in our novena. May the Holy Spirit rekindle the grace of Baptism and Confirmation in every Catholic, so that all may live the Christian life with fervor and zeal.

All: Holy Spirit of the Father and of the Son, Spirit of Love: enlighten us, strengthen us, guide us, and comfort us. You who pray and act in us, make us know the Father by contemplating the face of the Son who reveals him, so that we may proclaim the divine love of the Most Holy Trinity. Make our life a sign of love. Make the church a living word, an uplifting presence, a consecration of the world to the Trinitarian love that creates, redeems and sanctifies, now and forever. Amen.

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

7 Glory Be...

CHAPLET OF OUR LADY OF DIVINE MERCY

Opening Prayer:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy; our life, our sweetness and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

On the large beads:

Mary, Mother of all graces, Mother of Divine Mercy, defend us from our enemies and receive us at the hour of our death.

On the small beads:

Mary, Mother of Mercy, implore for us mercy of Your Son. (10x).

Final Prayer:

You open your arms to us most merciful Mother, and stretch out your hands, full of mercies and gifts. Your Mother's heart is restless to endow us with everything we need. Encouraged by your goodness, we have confidence in you. We beg you to intercede for us. Mother obtaining for us all we need. Through your most powerful intercession, obtain from God especially the gift of chastity and innocence, and foster in our heart truly childlike love for you. So that we may bear the image of the Sacred Heart of your Son, may the Sacred Heart defend us, guide us, and take us to eternal light. Amen

PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded. I ask you to bring (names) back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of your holy Church.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home. For you, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen

PRAYER TO JESUS

My Lord Jesus Christ, for the sake of Yoursufferings, grant me such faith, hope, charity, sorrow for my sins and love of prayer as will save and sanctify my soul.

FOR THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Send forth Your Holy Spirit upon me; guide all my thoughts and actions so that my whole life will be pleasing to You; be with me in times of trial; stay close to me when I am weak in body and soul; give me the strength, courage and grace to do Your holy Will in all things; never let me be separated from You in thought, word, or deed. Amen.

LITANY OF REPARATION
IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Lord, have mercy on us; Lord, *Have mercy on us*
Christ, have mercy on us; Christ,
Lord, have mercy on us; Lord,
God the Father of Mercy,
God the Son, Mediator between God and man,
God the Holy Spirit, the Enlightener of hearts,
Holy and undivided Trinity,
O Sacred Host! Victim of reparation for the sins of the world,
O Sacred Host! Annihilated on the altar for us and by us,
O Sacred Host! Despised and neglected, Have mercy on us,
O Sacred Host! Neglected and abandoned in Your temples,
Be merciful unto us: *Spare us, O Lord.*
Be merciful unto us: *Hear us, O Lord.*

— Have mercy on us. —

For so many unworthy Communions, *We offer You our reparations, O Lord.*
For the irreverence of Christians,
For the continual blasphemies of the impious,
For the infamous discourses made in Your Holy Temples,
For the crimes of sinners,
For the sacrileges which profane Your sacrament of love,
For the coldness of the greater part of Your children,
For their contempt of Your loving invitations,
For the infidelity of those who call themselves Your friends,
For the abuse of Your grace,
For our unfaithfulness,
For our delay in loving You,
For our tepidity in Your Holy Service,
For Your bitter sadness at the loss of souls,
For Your long waiting at the door of our hearts,
For Your loving sighs,
For Your loving tears,
For Your loving imprisonment,
For Your loving death,

— We offer You our reparations, O Lord. —

That You spare us, that You hear us, *We sinners beseech You, hear us.*
That You will make known Your love for us in this most Holy Sacrament,
We sinners beseech You, hear us.
That You will vouchsafe to accept our reparation, made in the spirit of
humility, *We sinners beseech You, hear us.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: *Spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: *Hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, Who has chosen to expose Yourself to all the outrages of the
impious, rather than withdraw Your Sacred Body from our Churches,
grant us the grace to bewail, with true bitterness of heart, the injuries
and sacrileges committed against you, and to repair as far as lies in our
power, and with sincere love, the many ignominies and contempts You
have received, and still continue to receive, in this ineffable mystery, Who
lives and reigns with God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.
Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints. Amen.

May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised,
adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all
17 the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

Closing Hymn

HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train
Join the sacred Name to hallow;
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And the white robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.