

PRAYER FOR THE NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Recite the appropriate prayer for each day. Then, recite the final prayers at the end of Day 9.

DAY ONE The Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit! Lord of light!
From Thy clear celestial height,
Thy pure beaming radiance give!

Only one thing is important, eternal salvation.
Only one thing, therefore, is to be feared, sin.
Sin is the result of ignorance, weakness, and indifference.
The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Light,
of Strength, and of Love.
With His sevenfold gifts,
He enlightens the mind,
strengthens the will,
and inflames the heart with love of God.
To ensure our salvation,
we ought to invoke the Divine Spirit daily,
for "The Spirit helpeth our infirmity.
We know not what we should pray for as we ought.
But the Spirit Himself asketh for us."

Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us
by water and the Holy Spirit,
and hast given us forgiveness of all our sins,
vouchsafe to send forth from heaven upon us
Thy 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 following prayers:

Our Father..
Hail Mary..
Glory Be... (7 times)
Act Of Consecration To The Holy Spirit
Prayer For The Seven Gifts Of The Holy Spirit

DAY TWO The Gift of Fear

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

The gift of Fear fills us with a sovereign respect for God,
and makes us dread nothing so much as to offend Him by Sin.
It is a fear that arises,
not from the thought of hell,
but from sentiments of reverence
and filial submission to our heavenly Father.
It is the fear that is the beginning of wisdom,
detaching us from worldly pleasures
that could in any way separate us from God.
“They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts,
and in His sight will sanctify their souls.”

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Holy Fear,
penetrate my inmost heart,
that I may set Thee,
my Lord and God,
before my face forever;
help me to shun all things that can offend Thee,
and make me worthy to appear before the pure eyes
of Thy Divine Majesty in heaven,
where Thou livest and reignest
in the unity of the ever Blessed Trinity,
God world without end.
Amen.

Recite the following prayers:

Our Father..
Hail Mary..
Glory Be... (7 times)

DAY THREE The Gift of Piety

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

The gift of Piety begets in our hearts
a filial affection for God as our most loving Father.
It inspires us to love and respect for His sake
persons and things consecrated to Him,
as well as those who are vested with His authority,
His Blessed Mother and the Saints,
the Church and its visible Head,
our parents and superiors,
our country and its rulers.
He who is filled with the gift of Piety
finds the practice of his religion,
not a burdensome duty,
but a delightful service.
Where there is love, there is no labor.

Prayer

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.

Recite the following prayers:

Our Father..
Hail Mary..
Glory Be... (7 times)

DAY FOUR The Gift of Fortitude

Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

By the gift of Fortitude,
the soul is strengthened against natural fear,
and supported to the end in the performance of duty.
Fortitude imparts to the will
an impulse and energy which move it
to undertake without hesitancy the most arduous tasks,
to face dangers,
to trample under foot human respect,
and to endure without complaint
the slow martyrdom of even lifelong tribulation.
“He that shall persevere unto the end,
he shall be saved.”

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude,
uphold my soul in times 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.

Recite the following prayers:

Our Father..
Hail Mary..
Glory Be... (7 times)

DAY FIVE The Gift of Knowledge

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

The gift of Knowledge enables the soul
to evaluate created things at their true worth,
in relation to God.
Knowledge unmask the pretense of creatures,
reveals their emptiness,
and points out their only true purpose
as instruments in the service of God.
It shows us the loving care of God
even in adversity,
and directs us to glorify Him
in every circumstance of life.
Guided by its light,
we put first things first,
and prize the friendship of God beyond all else.
"Knowledge is a fountain of life to him that possesseth it."

Prayer

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.

Recite the following prayers:

Our Father..
Hail Mary..
Glory Be... (7 times)

DAY SIX The Gift of Understanding

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

Understanding, as a gift of the Holy Spirit,
helps us to grasp the meaning
of the truths of our holy religion.
By faith we know them,
but by Understanding we learn to appreciate and relish them.
It enables us to penetrate the inner meaning
of revealed truths and through them
to be quickened to newness of life.
Our faith ceases to be sterile and inactive,
but inspires a mode of life
that bears eloquent testimony to the faith that is in us;
we begin to "walk worthy of God in all things pleasing,
and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Prayer

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.

Recite the following prayers:

Our Father...
Hail Mary...
Glory Be... (7 times)

DAY SEVEN The Gift of Counsel

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

The gift of Counsel endows the soul
with supernatural prudence,
enabling it to judge promptly
and rightly what must be done,
especially in difficult circumstances.
Counsel applies the principles
furnished by Knowledge and Understanding
to the innumerable concrete cases
that confront us in the course of our daily duty
as parents, teachers, public servants
and Christian citizens.
Counsel is supernatural common sense,
a priceless treasure in the quest of salvation.
“Above all these things,
pray to the Most High,
that He may direct thy way in truth.”

Prayer

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.

Recite the following prayers:

Our Father...
Hail Mary...
Glory Be... (7 times)

DAY EIGHT The Gift of Wisdom

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

Embodying all the other gifts,
as charity embraces all other virtues,
Wisdom is the most perfect of the gifts.
Of wisdom it is written,
“all good things came to me with her,
and innumerable riches through her hands.”
It is the gift of Wisdom that strengthens our faith,
fortifies hope, perfects charity,
and promotes the practice of virtue in the highest degree.
Wisdom enlightens the mind
to discern and relish things divine,
in the appreciation of which earthly joys lose their savor,
whilst the Cross of Christ yields a divine sweetness
according to the words of the Savior,
“Take up thy cross and follow Me,
for My yoke is sweet, and My burden light.”

Prayer

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 passing joys
and satisfactions of the earth.
Help me to attain them
and possess them for ever.
Amen.

Recite the following prayers:

Our Father..
Hail Mary..
Glory Be... (7 times)

DAY NINE The Fruit of The Holy Spirit

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 joy which never ends.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit
perfect the supernatural virtues
by enabling us to practice them
with greater docility to divine inspiration.
As we grow in the knowledge and love of God
under the direction of the Holy Spirit,
our service becomes more sincere and generous,
the practice of virtue more perfect.
Such acts of virtue leave the heart
filled with joy and consolation
and are known as Fruit of the Holy Spirit.
These fruit in turn render the practice
of virtue more attractive
and become a powerful incentive
for still greater efforts
in the service of God,
to serve Whom is to reign.

Prayer

Come, O Divine Spirit,
fill my heart with Thy heavenly fruit,
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 following prayers:

Our Father...
Hail Mary...
Glory Be... (7 times)

Recite the following closing prayers:

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

V. Come, O Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of Thy faithful,
and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

R. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

V. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth

V. Let us pray

Oh God Who didst instruct the hearts of the
faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant us in the same Spirit
to be truly wise and to ever rejoice in His
consolations,
through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.