



***NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT***

## 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 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.

## **ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses I offer myself, soul and body, to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace, and I pray with all my heart, to be kept from even the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought, and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced feet of Jesus and looking at His five wounds and trusting in His precious blood and adoring His opened side and stricken heart, I implore You, adorable Spirit, helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening." Amen.

## **FIRST DAY**

### **Creation Awaits Fulfillment**

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, from Your clear celestial height, Your pure beaming radiance give!

Almighty and eternal God, send forth Your Spirit, Who brought order from chaos at the beginning of the universe, and peace to the Lord's disciples. Grant that I, as Your creation, baptized in Your Spirit, may be filled with the seven gifts so that I may forever do Your will and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

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## **SECOND DAY**

### **Christ's Promise to Send the Paraclete**

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

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Holy Fear, fill me with devotion to God alone. In the Risen Christ, I welcome You, O Spirit of truth, whom the Father sends in Jesus' name. Wash clean the sinful soul, and rain down Your grace that we may be one with the Church in fidelity to our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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## **THIRD DAY**

### **The Soul of Christ's Body, the Church**

Thou, of all consolers best, visiting the troubles'  
breast does refreshing peace bestow.

Come, O blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart.  
God, our Father, may I, through the grace of Your  
Spirit, be forever filled with filial affection for You.  
Grant that I may be inspired to love and respect  
all members of Your family as brothers and sisters  
of Jesus, who, together with Him, call you Abba,  
Father. Amen.

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## **FOURTH DAY**

### **The Dignity of the Christian**

Thou, in toil art comfort sweet; pleasant coolness  
in the heat; solace in the midst of woe.

Come, O blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my  
soul in time of trouble and adversity. O, Divine  
Trinity, grant that we may be strengthened to see  
in ourselves and in each other the dignity that is  
ours as temples of Your Holy Spirit, to be loved by  
one another as each of us is loved by Jesus. We  
ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

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## **FIFTH DAY**

### **Gifted to Serve and Build Up Others**

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

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant  
that I may perceive the will of the Father. Father,  
through Your Spirit, You invite us to participate in  
the fullness of creation. Help me to see that all  
gifts are from You and intended for Your glory, for  
there are many different gifts but always the  
same Spirit, many ways of serving but always the  
same Lord. Amen.

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## **SIXTH DAY**

### **Human Weakness and Sinfulness**

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

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Understanding.  
Enlighten our minds that we may appreciate and  
see more fully what we know by faith. Come to us  
in our weakness and give voice to our petitions,  
for "the prayers that the Spirit makes for God's  
holy people are always in accordance with the  
mind of God." Amen.

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## **SEVENTH DAY**

### **Growth in the Freedom that Love Gives**

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

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Counsel. Make my thoughts holy, my love pure, and my works pleasing to God. Father, guided by Your Spirit, may I strive to make loving choices and respect all life. May we be aware of our dignity as Your sons and daughters redeemed with the Blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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## **EIGHTH DAY**

### **Gifted through the Spirit**

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

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Wisdom, strengthen my  
faith, increase my hope, perfect my charity.  
Father, enlighten us each day, in the silence of  
our hearts, to discern the voice of Your Spirit, to  
do what He asks of us and to understand the gifts  
He freely gives us. We ask this through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

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## **NINTH DAY**

### **Sent with the Power to Reconcile**

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 joys which never end.

Amen.

Father, through Jesus, Your Son, You sent the  
Paraclete to be at our side, to reconcile all  
creation to You. Grant that I may be forever open  
to Jesus' invitation to "Receive the Holy Spirit!"  
Father, open our hearts to accept Your  
forgiveness for our sins and to offer that same  
forgiveness to those who we feel have offended  
us. For merciful forgiveness is the essence of Your  
love revealed in Your Son.

Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Your  
heavenly fruits: Your charity, joy, peace, patience,  
benignity, goodness, faith, mildness and  
temperance, that I may, by faithful submission to  
Your inspiration, merit to be united eternally with  
You in the love of the Father and the Son. Amen.

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