

Novena to the Holy Spirit



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“They went to the upper room where they were staying. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary” (Acts 1:13-14)

Veni Creator

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,
and in our souls take up Thy rest;
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.
O comforter, to Thee we cry,
O heavenly gift of God Most High,
O fount of life and fire of love,
and sweet anointing from above.

Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known;
Thou, finger of God's hand we own;
Thou, promise of the Father, Thou
Who dost the tongue with power imbue.
Kindle our sense from above,
and make our hearts o'erflow with love;
with patience firm and virtue high
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,
and grant us Thy peace instead;
so shall we not, with Thee for guide,
turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow
the Father and the Son to know;
and Thee, through endless times confessed,
of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Now to the Father and the Son,
Who rose from death, be glory given,
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,
henceforth by all in earth and heaven.

Amen

1st day

Jesus told his disciples “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming”. (John, 16:12-13)

Come, Spirit of Wisdom, take me away from the things that draw me away from You, and give me a desire and a taste for the things of heaven.

Give me a heart that knows how to listen to You and give me Your wisdom.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

2nd day

The Lord said “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. He will teach you everything and remind you of all that (I) told you”.

(John 14:16-17.26)

Come, Spirit of intellect, enlighten my mind with your Word, and may it always be a lamp to my steps to walk in truth.

Give me strength to remain faithful to Your Word, to be Your disciple, to know the truth more and more, and the truth will set me free.

Come, Holy Spirit!

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3rd day

The Lord said: “Then afterward I will pour out my spirit upon all mankind. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy; and I will work wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood, fire, and columns of smoke; then everyone shall be rescued who calls on the name of the Lord”. (Joel 3:1-3-5)

Come, Spirit of fortitude, give me the courage to be Your witness in my daily life.

Make me strong and persevering in the fight against the enemy, and give me the strength to love my enemies, to do good to those who persecute me, to turn the other cheek, to remain silent in the face of humiliation.

Come, Holy Spirit!

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4th day

Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of Spirit is Spirit".

(John 3:5-6)

Come, Spirit of Science, help me to enter ever more deeply into Your knowledge and to keep my gaze fixed on Jesus.

Give me faith and strength to believe in Your power.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

5th day

On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: Rivers of living water will flow from within him." He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive.

(John 7:37-39)

Come, Spirit of Counsel, open my mind and heart, and lead me in Your ways.

Help me to be sensitive to your voice. Give me brothers with the wisdom of the heart.

Spirit of Counsel, come and dwell in me!

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

6th day

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Rm 8:14-15)

O Holy Spirit, soul of my soul, I adore You and I beseech You: enlighten me, guide me, comfort me, let me know what I must do.

Grant me a little of your wisdom; I promise to follow all your desires, to submit myself to all your dispositions. Only let me know all your will (Cardinal Mercier).

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

7th day

I say, then: live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh for the flesh has desires against the Spirit. But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

(Gal 5:16-17a-18-22-23a)

Come, Spirit of the Fear of God, guide me on the way of holiness and help me to be docile to Your will. Therefore, give me perseverance and the desire to give praise and thanks to God for everything.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

8th day

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first instalment of our inheritance. (Eph 1:3-13-14)

Come, Holy Spirit, fill me with Your gifts and give me the strength and courage to use them for the good of Your Church and the world.

I wish to consecrate my whole person to You: my past, my present, my future, my desires, my choices, my affections, everything that belongs to me and everything that I am.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

9th day

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. (Rm 5:1-3-5)

Come, Spirit of Piety, teach me and give me the gift of prayer. Let my thoughts be directed to You.

Purify my heart and my mind, and fill me with Your feelings.

Give me a heart that knows how to forgive.

Come Holy Spirit!

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

Come, Holy Spirit Come!

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home

Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!

Come, source of all our store!

Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best;

You, the soul's most welcome guest;

Sweet refreshment here below;

in our labor, rest most sweet.

Grateful coolness in the heat;

solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,

Shine within these hearts of yours,

and our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,

nothing good in need or thought,

nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;

on our dryness pour your dew;

Wash the stains of guilt away:

bend the stubborn heart and will;

Melt the frozen, warm the chill;

guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful,

who adore and confess you, evermore

In your sevenfold gift descend:

Give them virtue's sure reward;

give them your salvation, Lord;

Give them joys that never end.

Amen



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