

**NOVENA TO HONOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
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**I. NOVENA PRAYERS**

**Outline**

- Hymns to The Holy Spirit
- Chaplet of Renewal
- Litany of The Holy Spirit
- Novena to The Holy Spirit (Given by St. Cecilia)  
(for nine days of singing, reflection, and prayer.)
- Act of Consecration to The Holy Spirit
- Prayer for the Seven Gifts of The Holy Spirit

***To start the NOVENA, begin with:***

In the Name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit. Amen.

**HYMNS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Come**

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator come  
From Thy bright heavenly Throne  
Come, take possession of our souls  
And make them all Thy own.
2. Thou Who art called the Paraclete  
Best Gift of God above.  
The living spring, the living fire  
Sweet Unction and True Love.
3. Thou Who art sev'nfold in Thy grace  
Finger of God's right Hand  
His promise teaching little ones  
To speak and understand
4. O guide our minds with Thy blest light  
With love our hearts inflame  
And with Thy strength which ne'er decays

Confirm our mortal frame

5. Far from us drive our deadly foe  
True peace unto us bring  
And through all perils lead us safe  
Beneath Thy Sacred Wing.
6. Through Thee may we the Father know.  
Through Thee the Eternal Son;  
And Thee the Spirit of Them both  
Thrice-blessed, Three in One.
7. All glory to The Father be  
With His co-equal Son  
The same to Thee, great Paraclete  
While endless ages run. Amen.

### **Come, Holy Ghost**

Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest,  
And in our hearts take up Thy rest.  
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,  
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made. (2x)

O Comforter, to Thee we cry  
Thou heavenly gift of God most high.  
Thou fount of life and fire of love,  
And sweet anointing from above. (2x)

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. (2x)

### **Come, Holy Spirit**

Come, Holy Spirit, I need you,  
Come, Holy Spirit, I pray  
Come in Your Strength and your Power

Come in Your Own Special Way.

Come like a spring in the desert,  
Come to the withered of soul  
Come with your sweet healing power  
Touch me and make me whole.

**CHAPLET OF RENEWAL**  
(Use Our Lady's Rosary beads)

*Prayer to The Holy Spirit:*

L: Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful;

R: And enkindle in them the Fire of Your love.

L: Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.

R: And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray:

O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of The Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may always be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**I BELIEVE IN GOD** (*on the crucifix*)

I believe in God, The Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ, His Only Begotten Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by The Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right Hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence, He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in The Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

On the first bead, say: *Our Father...Hail Mary...*

On the first three small beads, say: *3 Glory Be's*

**Chant:**

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come;  
Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

**FIRST MYSTERY:**

**Eternal Father's Plan To Redeem the World by Sending His Only Begotten Son**

*(Pause and meditate)*

A voice cried out from the highest Throne saying:

“Whom shall I send, who will go to redeem the world and bring My Kingdom down to them?” In the absence of any response, Jesus, the Eternal Word, answered, “Here I am, send Me, Father.”

**Prayer:** O God by the merit of this mystery make me an instrument of salvation and renewal for the world. Amen.

**Our Father ....Hail Mary....**

**Leader:** Come Holy Spirit, come into my heart and fill the hearts of the faithful.

**Response:** And renew the face of the Earth. *(10 times)*

**Glory be to the Father...** *(once)*

**Chant:**

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come;  
Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

**SECOND MYSTERY:**

**A Little Girl Called Mary was Chosen to be the Daughter of God The Father, Mother of God The Son, and Spouse of God The Holy Spirit.**

*(Pause and meditate)*

God sent His Angel to a little girl named Mary in the town of Nazareth of Galilee to announce the birth of His only begotten Son. At the greeting of the Angel, The Holy Spirit descended upon her, and she conceived of The Holy Spirit. In the end, she gave birth to the Redeemer of the world.

**Prayer:** O God, by the merit of this mystery, give me the grace of purity and of humility, so that by humility, I will crush the head of Satan, and by purity my soul will be your tabernacle, Amen.

**Our Father ....Hail Mary....**

**Leader:** Come Holy Spirit, come into my heart and fill the hearts of the faithful.

**Response:** And renew the face of the Earth. *(10 times)*

**Glory be to the Father...** *(once)*

**Chant:**

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come;  
Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

**THIRD MYSTERY:**

**God Reveals His Son to the World**

*(Pause and meditate)*

When the time came, God revealed His Son to the world, first, at His Baptism at the River Jordan when He said, “This is My Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased”, and, secondly, during the Transfiguration at Mount Tabor when He added, “Listen to Him.”

**Prayer:** O God by the merit of this mystery, give me the grace to be what You created me to be, so as to do what You created me do. Amen

**Our Father ....Hail Mary....**

**Leader:** Come Holy Spirit, come into my heart and fill the hearts of the faithful.

**Response:** And renew the face of the Earth. *(10 times)*

**Glory be to the Father...** *(once)*

**Chant:**

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come;  
Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

**FOURTH MYSTERY:**

**Jesus Proclaims the Kingdom of God on Earth**

*(Pause and meditate)*

“When the right time came, after fasting and being tempted by the devil, Jesus went into the cities of the world and proclaimed the Kingdom of God saying: “Repent! The Kingdom of God is at hand.” He went about doing good and calling sinners back to God.

**Prayer:** O God, by the merit of this mystery, give me the grace to proclaim Your Kingdom on Earth by words and action, so that Your Kingdom will reach the ends of the Earth soon. Amen.

**Our Father.... Hail Mary....**

**Leader:** Come Holy Spirit, come into my heart and fill the hearts of the faithful.

**Response:** And renew the face of the Earth. *(10 times)*

**Glory be to the Father...** (*once*)

**Chant:** O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come;  
Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

**FIFTH MYSTERY:**

**The Triumph on the Cross**

*(Pause and meditate)*

As man was defeated on the tree, man will be redeemed on the tree, so that the tree of man's downfall will be the tree of man's resurrection. And He came to His people but His people did not welcome Him; rather, they dragged Him to the mountain called Golgotha, where they nailed Him on the Cross. On the Cross, Christ announced His triumph saying, "It is finished!"

**Prayer:** O God, by the merit of this mystery, strengthen the faith of Your Little Lilies on Earth. May they unite with Your Church to conquer the Red Dragon for Your Glorious Reign to manifest. Amen.

**Our Father.... Hail Mary....**

**Leader:** Come Holy Spirit, come into my heart and fill the hearts of the faithful.

**Response:** And renew the face of the Earth. (*10 times*)

**Glory be to the Father...** (*once*)

**Chant:** O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come;  
Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. (*3 times*)

**HAIL HOLY QUEEN**

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness: and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us. And after this our exile, show unto us the Blessed Fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary,

L: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

**Let us pray:**

O comforting Lord, Gift from above, Love of The Father and The Son. Come into my heart with the Fire of Love and purify the hearts of the faithful. Sow in us Your sevenfold gifts and let Your dew of sanctifying grace nourish our souls always for

the healthy yield of Your Precious Fruit in us; O powerful Consoler. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### LITANY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord, have mercy on us,	<i>Lord, have mercy on us.</i>
Christ, have mercy on us,	<i>Christ, have mercy on us.</i>
Lord, have mercy on us,	<i>Lord, have mercy on us.</i>
Father, All-Powerful,	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, Eternal Son of The Father, Redeemer of the world-	<i>Save us.</i>
Spirit of The Father and The Son, boundless life of Both-	<i>Sanctify us.</i>
Holy Trinity -	<i>Hear us.</i>
Holy Ghost, Who proceeds from The Father and The Son-	<i>Enter our hearts.</i>
Promise of God The Father -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Ray of Heaven's Light -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Author of all good -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Source of heavenly water -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Consuming Fire -	<i>Have mercy on us</i>
Ardent Charity -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Spiritual Unction -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Spirit of Love and Truth -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Spirit of Counsel and Fortitude -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Spirit of Knowledge and Piety-	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Spirit of the Fear of the Lord -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Spirit to Grace and Prayer -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Spirit of Peace and Meekness-	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Spirit of Modesty and Innocence -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Holy Ghost, The Comforter -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Holy Ghost, The Sanctifier -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Gift of God, The Most High -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Spirit Who fills the universe -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Spirit of the adoption of the children of God -	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Holy Spirit,	<i>inspire us with horror of sin.</i>
Holy Spirit,	<i>come and renew the face of the Earth.</i>
Holy Spirit,	<i>shed your light on our souls.</i>
Holy Spirit,	<i>engrave Your law in our hearts.</i>
Holy Spirit,	<i>inflame us with the flame of Your Love.</i>
Holy Spirit,	<i>teach us to pray well.</i>

Holy Spirit,                    *enlighten us with Your Heavenly inspirations.*  
 Holy Spirit,                    *inspire in us the practice of good.*  
 Holy Spirit,                    *grant us the merit of all virtues.*  
 Holy Spirit,                    *make us persevere in justice.*  
 Holy Spirit,                    *be You our everlasting reward.*  
 Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world,  
*Send us Your Holy Spirit.*  
 Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world,  
*Pour down into our souls the gift of The Holy Spirit.*  
 Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world,  
*Grant us the Spirit of Wisdom and Purity.*

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of Your faithful.  
 R: And enkindle in them the Fire of Your Love.

**Let us pray:**

Grant, O Merciful Father, that Your Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame and purify us, that He may penetrate us with His Heavenly dew and make us fruitful in good works, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son Who with You in the unity of the same Spirit, lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

**NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Given by St. Cecilia for Singing, Reflection, and Prayer**

(Read the introduction and the quotation(s) on each day and reflect on them, following with the prayer for each day.)

**First Day**

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

**THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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 Love. With His sevenfold gifts, He enlightens the mind, strengthens the will, and inflames hearts 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.”



Read: Acts 1:6-8 and John 14: 15-25

**Prayer:**

Almighty and Eternal God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and The Holy Spirit and hast given us forgiveness of all sin, 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.

Our Father ... Hail Mary... (once)

Glory be to The Father... (seven times)

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**Second Day**

*Come, Thou Father of the poor!*

*Come, with treasures which endure!*

*Come, Thou Light of all that live.*

**THE GIFT OF FEAR**

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."

Read: Philippians 2:12-18

**Prayer:**

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Holy Fear, penetrate my inmost heart, that I 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.

Our Father ... Hail Mary... (once)

Glory be to the Father... (seven times)

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### **Third Day**

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

### **THE GIFT OF PIETY**

**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, person 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 labour.

Read: Romans 6:1-14

### **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.

Our Father ... Hail Mary... (once)

Glory be to the Father... (seven times)

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### **Fourth Day**

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

### **FORTITUDE**

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 danger, to trample underfoot human respect, and to endure without complaints the slow martyrdom of even lifelong tribulation. "He that shall persevere unto the end, the same shall be saved."

Read: Acts 7:51-60

### **PRAYER:**

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time 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 greater Good. Amen.

Our Father ... Hail Mary... (once)

Glory be to the Father... (seven times)

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### **Fifth Day**

*Light immortal, light Divine!*

*Visit Thou these hearts of Thine*

*And our inmost being fill!*

### **THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE**

**The gift of Knowledge** enables the soul to evaluate created things at their true worth, in their relation to God. Knowledge unmask the pretence 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."

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

### **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

Our Father ... Hail Mary... (once)

Glory be to the Father... (seven times)

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### **Sixth Day**

*If Thou take Thy grace away*

*Nothing pure in man will stay,*

*All his good is turned to ill*

## **THE GIFT OF UNDERSTANDING**

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 awakened 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.”

Read : 1 Corinthians: 14:1-25

### **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.

Our Father ... Hail Mary... (once)

Glory be to the Father... (seven times)

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### **Seventh Day**

*Heal our wound, our strength renew*

*On our dryness pour Thy dew,*

*Wash the stains of guilt away!*

## **THE GIFT OF COUNSEL**

**The gift of Counsel** endows the soul with supernatural prudence, enabling it to judge promptly and rightly what must be done, especially in difficult circumstance. 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.”

Read: Jude 1:17-23

### **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 commandment to that goal of eternal life for which I long. Amen.

Our Father ... Hail Mary... (once)

Glory be to the Father... (seven times)

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### **Eighth Day**

*Bend the stubborn heart and will,*

*Melt the frozen, warm the chill,*

*Guide the steps that go astray!*

### **THE GIFT OF WISDOM**

Embodying all the other gifts as charity embraces all the 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."

Read: James 3:13-18

### **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 the passing joys and satisfactions of Earth. Help me to attain them and possess them forever. Amen.

Our Father ... Hail Mary... (once)

Glory be to the Father... (seven times)

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### **Ninth Day**

*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.*

### **THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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 **fruits of The Holy Spirit**. These fruits, 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 Who is to reign.

### **PRAYER:**

Come, O Divine Spirit, fill hearts with Thy Heavenly fruits, Thy charity, joy, peace, benignity, goodness, faith, mildness/meekness, fidelity, modesty, moderation, continence, chastity, 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.

Our Father ... Hail Mary... (once)

Glory be to the Father... (seven times)

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### **Concluding Prayer**

O Holy Spirit, sweet Guest of my soul, abide in me, and grant that I may ever abide in Thee. Amen.

We fly to thy patronage, O Holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.

### ***The Novena ends with:***

In the Name of The Father, The Son, and The Holy 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 Thee, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Thy purity, the unerring keenness of Thy justice and the might of Thy love. Thou art the strength and light of my soul. In Thee I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve Thee by unfaithfulness to grace, and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against Thee. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Thy light and listen to Thy voice and follow Thy gracious inspirations. I cling to Thee and give myself to Thee and ask Thee, by Thy 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 Thee, adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in Thy grace that I may never sin against Thee. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of The Father and The Son, to say to Thee always and everywhere, "Speak Lord, for Thy Servant heareth." Amen.

(To be recited daily during the novena.)

## PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who before ascending into Heaven, didst promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Thy work in the souls of Thy apostles and disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul the work of Thy grace and Thy love. Grant me **the Spirit of Wisdom** that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, **the Spirit of Understanding** to enlighten my mind with the light of Thy Divine Truth, **the Spirit of Counsel** that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining Heaven, **the Spirit of Fortitude** that I may bear my cross with Thee and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, **the Spirit of Knowledge** that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, **the Spirit of Piety** that I may find the service of God sweet and amicable, **the Spirit of Fear** that I may be filled with a loving reverence toward God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Thy true disciples and animate me in all things with Thy Spirit. Amen.

(To be recited daily during the novena.)