



Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts

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.

Start every day with the Sign of the Cross and the following prayer...

Novena Intention: For all the parishioners of St. Michael parish...

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FIRST DAY (Friday of Sixth Week of Easter)

Almighty and eternal God, Who has regenerated us by water and the Holy Spirit and has given us forgiveness of sins, send forth from heaven upon us the Holy Spirit and His sevenfold gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the

Lord. Fall upon us, Holy Spirit, and make us new. *Amen.*

Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, *pray for us.*

SECOND DAY (Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter) The Gift of Fear of the Lord

Come, O blessed Spirit of holy fear, penetrate our inmost hearts with a holy love of You. Help us to shun all things that offend You and make us worthy to appear before your Divine Majesty in heaven, where You live and reign in the unity of the ever Blessed Trinity, world without end. *Amen.*

Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, *pray for us.*

THIRD DAY (Seventh Sunday of Easter) The Gift of Piety

Come, O blessed Spirit of piety, possess our hearts. Enkindle therein such a love for God that we may worship His majesty, find satisfaction only in His service, and, for His sake, lovingly submit to all legitimate authority. *Amen.*

Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, *pray for us.*

FOURTH DAY (Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter) The Gift of Knowledge

Come, O blessed Spirit of knowledge, and grant that we may perceive the will of the Father and judge correctly the matters of faith and right action; show us the nothingness of earthly things that we may realize their vanity and use them only for Thy glory and our own salvation, looking ever beyond them to Thee and Thy eternal rewards. *Amen.*

Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, *pray for us.*

FIFTH DAY (Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter) The Gift of Fortitude

Come, O blessed Spirit of fortitude, and uphold our souls in time of trouble and adversity. Sustain our efforts after holiness. Strengthen our weakness. Give us courage against all assaults of our enemies that we may remain steadfast and never be separated from Thee, O God, our greatest good. Amen.

Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, *pray for us.*

SIXTH DAY (Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter) The Gift of Counsel

Come, O blessed Spirit of counsel, direct all our ways that we may always do Thy holy will. Incline our hearts to that which is good; turn them away from all that is evil. Guide us by the straight path of Thy commandments to the goal of eternal life for which we long. Amen.

Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

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SEVENTH DAY (Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter) The Gift of Understanding

Come, O blessed Spirit of understanding, and enlighten our minds and penetrate our hearts 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.

Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, *pray for us.*

EIGHTH DAY (Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter) The Gift of Wisdom

Come, O blessed Spirit of wisdom, and reveal to our souls the mysteries of divine things, their exceeding greatness, power, and beauty. Teach us to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Help us to attain them and possess them forever. Amen.

Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

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NINTH DAY (Saturday, the Vigil of Pentecost) The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Come, O Divine Spirit, fill our hearts with the heavenly fruits, Thy love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, that we may never weary in the service of God but by continued faithful submission to Thy inspirations may merit to be united eternally with Thee in love of the Father and the Son. Amen.

Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, *pray for us.*

