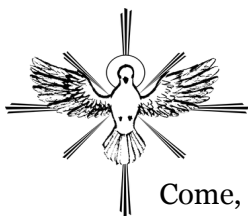


NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



Begin your novena with the following prayer **each day**
(see concluding prayer on reverse):

Prayer for the Holy Spirit:

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

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

Day 1: The Spirit of Wisdom

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of Wisdom, teach me to seek the essentials of life, and help me to realize that true contentment comes from knowing and loving God.

Reflection: *Reflect on ways you can deepen your relationship with God and seek true wisdom in your life.*

Day 2: The Spirit of Understanding

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of Understanding, illuminate my mind to grasp more fully the mysteries of faith and the teachings of Christ.

Reflection: *Consider how you can cultivate a deeper understanding of your faith and share it with others.*

Day 3: The Spirit of Counsel

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of Counsel, guide my decisions and help me to see what is right and true in every situation.

Reflection: *Think of a specific decision you need to make and invite the Holy Spirit to guide you.*

Day 4: The Spirit of Fortitude

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of Fortitude, strengthen my heart to stand firm in faith and to face life's challenges with courage.

Reflection: *Reflect on a challenge you are currently facing and ask the Holy Spirit for the strength to persevere.*

Day 5: The Spirit of Knowledge

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of Knowledge, grant me the insight to know God and His creation, and to grow in my understanding of His will.

Reflection: *Consider ways in which you can deepen your knowledge of the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church.*

Day 6: The Spirit of Piety

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of Piety, instill in me a deep reverence for God, a loving relationship with Him, and compassion for others.

Reflection: *Reflect on ways you can cultivate a spirit of piety in your daily life, through prayer, worship, and service.*

Day 7: The Spirit of Fear of the Lord

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of Fear of the Lord, help me to recognize your holiness and to live my life with respect and awe for God.

Reflection: *Consider how a healthy fear of the Lord can inspire you to live a more faithful and moral life.*

Day 8: The Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, bring your gifts to life in me —wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord—flourish within my heart and inspire my actions. Fill my heart with Thy heavenly fruits: charity, joy, peace, patience, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, mildness, modesty, self-control and chastity, that I may I never weary in the service of God, and always reflect Your goodness and love to others. Amen.

Reflection: *Thank the Holy Spirit today for the gifts you have received and consider how you can use them to benefit others. Meditate on the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and reflect on how each fruit manifests in your life and how you can nurture them (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control).*

Day 9: The Spirit of Mission

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, empower me to be a witness for Christ in the world. Fill me with your passion for justice, peace, and love, and strengthen my resolve to spread the Good News.

Reflection: *Reflect on your unique mission in the world and pray for the courage to fulfill it.*

Daily Concluding Prayer for the Novena:

Holy Spirit, you promised to send your Spirit to guide us into all truth and to give us the ability to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. As we await Pentecost, fill us anew with your love and grace. Help us to understand the depth of your call and respond with open hearts. May we be empowered to live our faith boldly and to bear fruit in our lives. Amen.

Celebrate the Feast of Pentecost! Receive and Rejoice in the Holy Spirit!

