

Let's Unite as a Parish Family in Prayer to the Holy Spirit!

# PENTECOST NOVENA 2025

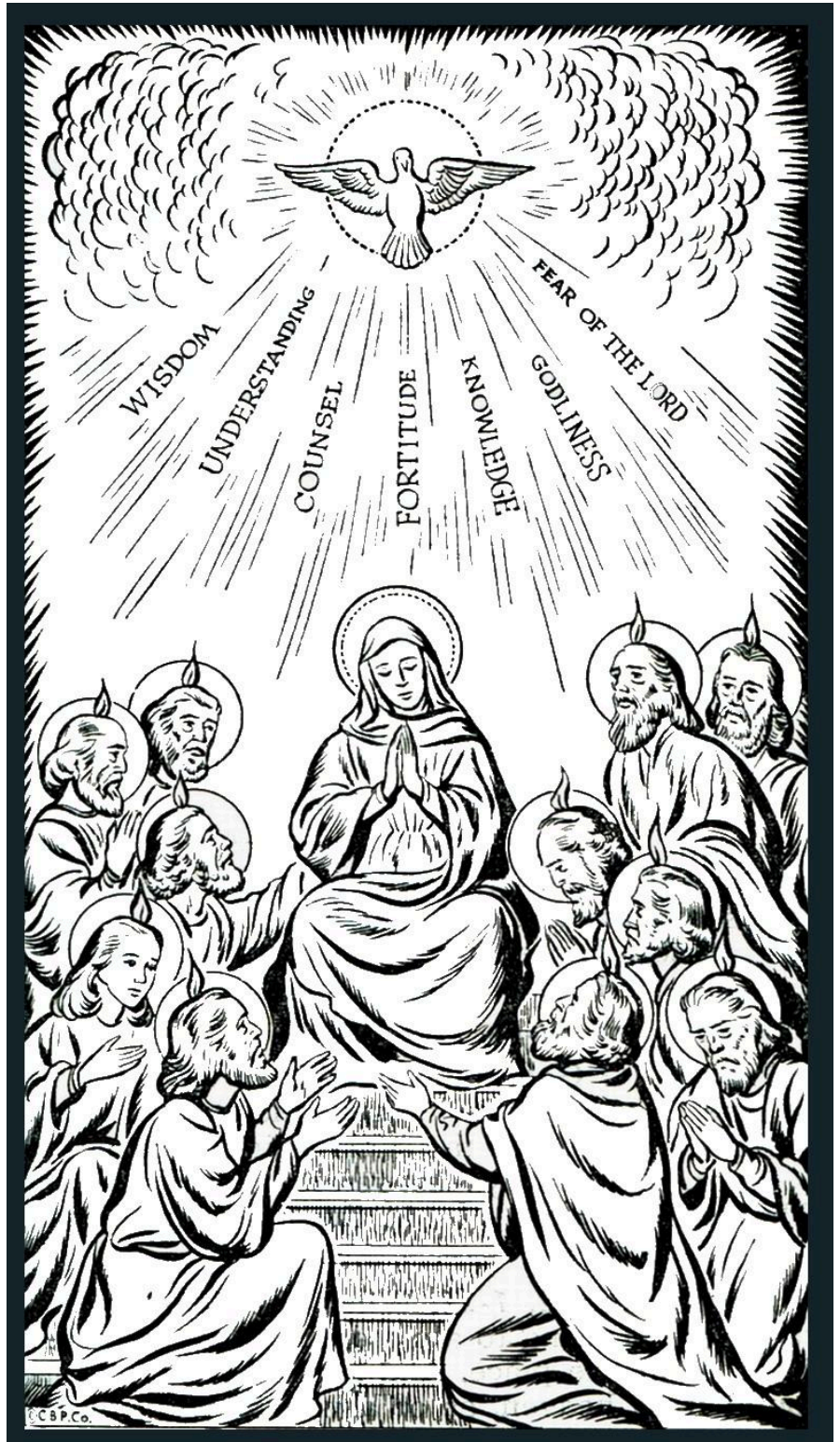
May 30 - June 7th

*We ought to pray and invoke the Holy Spirit, for each of us greatly needs His protection and His help. The more a man is deficient in wisdom, weak in strength, borne down with trouble, prone to sin, so ought he the more fly to Him Who is the never ceasing Fount of Light, Strength, Consolation and Holiness.” – Pope Leo XIII*

The novena in honor of the Holy Ghost is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the directions of Our Lord Himself when He sent His Apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Ghost on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena 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. Please join our parish community in praying for the Holy Spirit to move in new and powerful ways in our lives and relationships, for the glory of God.

*The Church grants for this act of faith and devotion a “Partial indulgence to those who participate in a public novena before the feast of Christmas or Pentecost, or the Immaculate Conception.” An indulgence is a remission of one’s temporal punishment due to sin, in accord with his or her proper disposition of heart, granted by the authority of Christ through His Church.*

*(The Enchiridion of Indulgences, Issued by the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, 1968, #34)*



DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## Day 1, Friday: The Holy Spirit; The Spirit of Wisdom

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

### **Together we pray:**

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.

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.

**Father / Leader:** 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 Ghost is the Spirit of Light, of Strength, and of Love. With His sevenfold gifts, He enlightens the mind, strengthens the will, and inflames the heart 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.”

**Today we pray especially for 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 come 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 Saviour: “Take up thy cross and follow me, for my yoke is sweet and my burden light.”

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

### **Together we pray:**

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.

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. +

## Day 2, Saturday: The Spirit of Understanding

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*Come Thou, Father of the poor!  
Come, treasure which endure!  
Come Thou, Light of all that live!*

### Together we pray:

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.

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.

**Father / Leader:** We pray today for **the Gift of Understanding**. Understanding, as a gift of the Holy Ghost, 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 quickened 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.”

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

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

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. +

### Day 3, Sunday: The Spirit of Counsel

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

#### **Together we pray:**

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.

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.

**Father / Leader:** Today we pray for 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 circumstances. 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.”

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

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

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. +

## Day 4, Monday: The Spirit of Fortitude

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

### Together we pray:

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.

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.

**Father / Leader:** Today we pray for **The Gift of 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 dangers, to trample under foot human respect, and to endure without complaint the slow martyrdom of even lifelong tribulation. “He that persevere unto the end, he shall be saved.”

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

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

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. +

## Day 5, Tuesday: The Spirit of Knowledge

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

### Together we pray:

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.

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.

**Father / Leader:** Today we pray for **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 pretense 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.”

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

**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.

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. +

## Day 6, Wednesday: The Spirit of Piety

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

### Together we pray:

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.

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.

**Father / Leader:** Today we pray for **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, persons 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 labor.

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

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

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. +

## Day 7, Thursday: The Spirit of Fear of the Lord

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*Heal our wounds ~ our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour Thy dew!  
Wash the stains of guilt away!*

### **Together we pray:**

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.

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.

**Father / Leader:** Today we pray for **The Gift of Holy 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.”

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

**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.

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.



## Day 8, Friday: The Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit

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

### Together we pray:

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.

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.

**Father / Leader:** Today we pray for **The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Ghost**. The gifts of the Holy Ghost 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 Ghost, 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 Ghost. These Fruits in turn render the practice of virtue more attractive, and become a powerful incentive for still greater effort in the service of God, to serve Whom is to reign.

**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).*

**Prayer:** Come, Holy Spirit, bring your gifts to life in me. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord—flourish within my heart and inspire my actions.

O Divine Spirit, 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 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.

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. +

## Day 9: The Spirit of Mission

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*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.

### Together we pray:

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.

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.

**Father / Leader:** Today we pray for **The Spirit of Mission**. In his last words to the apostles, the Lord Jesus Christ gave them a mission: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19-20). “Jesus Christ—the Word made flesh and Son of the Father—has an absolutely unique role in the salvation of the world. Similarly, the [Catholic] Church . . . uniquely contains the means of continuing Christ’s saving mission” (Bishop Joseph Fiorenza, Statement on *Dominus Iesus*, 2000).

Christ’s instruction to the apostles was a great call to those who became the first bishops and the first missionaries of the Church. They were told to go *ad gentes*—that is, “to the nations,” to those who did not know Christ—and to proclaim the Gospel. Because the apostles were faithful and obedient to Christ’s command, his Church has grown and flourished. The responsibility for fulfilling that mandate passes on unchanged to the bishops and to all the Catholics of today. The word “catholic”—that is, “universal”—embodies God’s purpose for his Church. He wants to extend it to the farthest corners of the earth. He wants to show all people his love and mercy. ([\*Excerpted from the USCCB\*](#))

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

**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.

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!**

*Recite together on Pentecost, kneeling as a family/community:*

### **Act of Consecration. to the Holy Ghost**

On my knees / before the great multitude  
of heavenly witnesses / I offer myself,  
soul and body / to Thee O 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 Ghost, / Spirit of the Father and  
of the Son / to say to Thee always and  
everywhere / "Speak, Lord / for Thy  
servant heareth."

### **Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost**

O Lord Jesus Christ / Who, before  
ascending into heaven / did promise to  
send the Holy Ghost / to finish Thy work  
/ in the souls of Thine 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 Your divine truth, / the  
Spirit of Counsel / that I may 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 amiable, / the Spirit of Fear of  
the Lord / that I may be filled with a  
loving reverence towards 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.