

Prayers to the Holy Spirit

St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit that my thoughts may all be holy;
Act in me O Holy Spirit that my works, too, may be holy;
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit that I love but what is holy;
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit to defend that is holy;
Guard me then O Holy Spirit that I always may be holy.

St. Pius X's Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, divine Spirit of light and love. I consecrate to You my understanding, my heart and my will, my whole being for time and for eternity.

May my understanding be always submissive to Your heavenly inspirations and to the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church, of which You are the infallible Guide.

May my heart be ever inflamed with love of God and of my neighbour; may my will be ever conformed to the divine Will, and may my whole life be a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom with the Father and You, Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

Cardinal Mercier's Prayer to the Holy Spirit*

O Holy Spirit, Soul of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten, guide, strengthen and console me. Tell me what I ought to do and command me to do it. I promise to be submissive in everything that You permit to happen to me, only show me what is Your will.

* This prayer is part of A Secret of Sanctity by Cardinal Mercier in which he said plainly: "I am going to reveal to you a secret of sanctity and happiness. If every day during five minutes, you will keep your imagination quiet, shut your eyes to all things of sense, and close your ears to all the sounds of earth, so as to be able to withdraw into the sanctuary of your baptized soul, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit, speaking there to that Holy Spirit saying: "O Holy Spirit, Soul of my soul ..." If you do this, your life will pass happily and serenely. Consolation will abound even in the midst of troubles. Grace will be given in proportion to the trial as well as strength to bear it, bringing you to the gates of Paradise full of merit. The submission to the Holy Spirit is the Secret of Sanctity."

To the Holy Spirit through Mary

Holy and Divine Spirit! Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Spouse, bring the fullness of Your gifts into our hearts. Comforted and strengthened by You, may we live according to Your Will and we die praising Your infinite mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come, by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Your well-beloved Spouse!

Prayers for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Lord Jesus Christ - Who before ascending into Heaven - did promise to send the Holy Spirit - to finish Your work - in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples - deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me - that He may perfect in my soul - the work of Your grace and Your love.

Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom - that I may not be attached to the perishable things of this world - but 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 ever choose - the surest way of pleasing God - and gaining Heaven - the Spirit of Fortitude - that I may bear my cross with You - 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 - that I may be filled with loving reverence towards God and may avoid anything that may displease Him.

Mark me dear Lord - with the sign of your true disciples - and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

Novena to The Holy Spirit

Friday after Ascension Thursday -- Saturday, the Vigil of Pentecost

This is the prototype of all novenas. It commemorates the nine days between the Ascension of Our Lord and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost Sunday. During this time Our Lady and the twelve Apostles prayed in the upper room for the coming of the Paraclete.

O Holy Spirit, O my God, I adore Thee, and acknowledge, here in Thy divine presence, that I am nothing and can do nothing without Thee. Come, great Paraclete, Thou father of the poor, Thou comforter the best, fulfil the promise of our blessed Savior, Who would not leave us orphans, and come into the mind and the heart of Thy poor, unworthy creature, as Thou didst descend on the sacred day of Pentecost on the holy Mother of Jesus and on His first disciples. Grant that I may participate in those gifts which Thou didst communicate to them so wonderfully, and with so much mercy and generosity. Take from my heart whatever is not pleasing to Thee, and make of it a worthy dwelling-place for Thyself. Illumine my mind, that I may see and understand the things that are for my eternal good. In flame my heart with pure love of Thee, that I may be cleansed from the dross of all inordinate attachments, and that my whole life may be hidden with Jesus in God. Strengthen my will, that I may be made conformable to Thy divine will, and be guided by Thy holy inspirations. Aid me by Thy grace to practice the divine lessons of humility, poverty, obedience, and contempt of the world, which Jesus taught us in His mortal life.

Oh, rend the heavens, and come down, consoling Spirit! that inspired and encouraged by Thee, I may faithfully comply with the duties of my state, carry my daily cross most patiently, and endeavor to accomplish the divine will with the utmost perfection. Spirit of love! Spirit of purity! Spirit of peace! Sanctify my soul more and more, and give me that heavenly peace which the world cannot give. Bless our Holy Father the Pope, bless the Church, bless our bishops, our priests, all Religious Orders, and all the faithful, that they may be filled with the spirit of Christ and labor earnestly for the spread of His kingdom.

Come, Holy Spirit

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Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And Thou shalt 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 us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Latine

Veni, Sancte Spiritus, reple tuorum corda fidelium: et tui amoris in eis ignem accende.

V. Emitte Spiritum tuum, et creabuntur.

R. Et renovabis faciem terrae.

Oremus.

Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti: da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere; et de eius semper consolatione gaudere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Veni Creator

COME, O Creator Spirit blest,
And in our souls take up Thy rest,
Come with Thy grace and Heavenly aid,
And fill the hearts which Thou hast made.
Great Paraclete! To Thee we cry,
O highest gift of God most high!
Ofount of life! O fire of love!
Abd sweet anointing from above.
Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts art known,
The finger of God's hand we own;
The promise of the Father, Thou!
Who dost the tongue with power endow.
Kindle our senses 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 true 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.
All glory while the ages run
Be to the Father and the Son
Who rose from death; the same to Thee,
O Holy Ghost, eternally. Amen.

A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful, who devoutly recite the hymn Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest.

But a plenary indulgence is granted, if the hymn is recited publicly on the 1st of January and on the feast of Pentecost.

Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit

O HOLY GHOST; Divine Spirit of light and love, I consecrate to Thee my understanding, my heart and my will, my whole being, for time and eternity. May my understanding be always submissive to Thy heavenly inspirations and the teachings of the Catholic Church, of which Thou art the Infallible Guide. May my heart be ever inflamed with love of God and of my neighbor. May my will be ever conformed to the Divine will, and may my whole life be a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to Whom, with the Father and Thee, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

Daily Consecration to the Holy Ghost

MOST HOLY GHOST, receive the consecration that I make of my entire being. From this moment on, come into every area of my life and into each of my actions. Thou art my Light, my Guide, my Strength, and the sole desire of my heart. I abandon myself without reserve to Thy Divine action, and I desire to be ever docile to Thine inspirations. O Holy Ghost, transform me, with and through Mary, into another Christ Jesus, for the glory of the Father and the salvation of the world. Amen. (By the Servant of God, Fr. Felix de Jesus Rougier; M.Sp.S.).
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O HOLY SPIRIT, Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, Spirit of Truth, of Love and of Holiness, proceeding from the Father and the Son and equal to Them in all things, I adore Thee and love Thee with all my heart. Teach me to know and seek my last end; grant me the holy fear of God; grant me compunction and patience, and suffer me not to fall into sin. Grant me an increase of Faith, Hope and Charity, and bring forth in my soul all the virtues proper to my state of life. Make me a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, and an obedient child of Holy Church. Grant me an efficacious grace to keep the Commandments and to receive the Sacraments worthily. Grant me the Four Cardinal Virtues, Thy Seven Gifts, Thy Twelve Fruits. Raise me to perfection in the state of life to which Thou hast called me; and lead me, through a happy death, to life everlasting through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer in Honor of the Holy Spirit

By Henry Cardinal Manning

O GOD the Holy Spirit, Whom I have ignored, grieved and resisted from my childhood until the present day, reveal to me Thy personality, Thy presence, Thy power. Let me recognize Thy Sevenfold Gifts-----the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, of Counsel and Fortitude, of Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. O Thou Who art the Spirit of the Father and the Son, O Thou Who dost baptize with fire and infuse Thy love into our hearts----one thing, O Lord, have I asked of Thee, one thing will I seek: not riches, rank, power, earthly home and happiness, but one ray of that holy light, one spark of that holy fire which will inflame me and plunge me into the fire of Divine Love! Let this sacred fire flame up in me and destroy in me every remnant of sin which defiles my body or soul. Cleanse me in a sevenfold manner with Thy Gifts. Transform me into a holocaust, holy and entirely pleasing to Thee. Inflame me with zeal so that I may live the life and die the death of a repentant sinner, deeply penetrated by Thy Divine Love. Amen.

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost 1

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who before ascending into Heaven didst 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 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 amiable; the Spirit of Fear, 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.

Prayer for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit 2

O HOLY SPIRIT, grant me the **Gift of Wisdom**, the supernatural light in which I may know God more clearly as the Supreme Being, His omnipotence, His eternity, His goodness and His glory, and that I may taste and enjoy with an enraptured soul the ineffable sweetness of His love.

O Holy Spirit, impart to me the **Gift of Understanding**, the clear light revealing to my mind the mysteries of faith, the things that are above; not "darkly as in a mirror," but in a clear and convincing manner in order to captivate my heart.

O Holy Spirit, impart to me the **Gift of Counsel**, the guiding ray of light that will enable me to choose what is true and right whenever I am assailed by doubts or dangers and that will infallibly lead to my last aim and end.

O Holy Spirit, impart to me the **Gift of Fortitude**, the strengthening ray of light that will aid me to overcome all temptations, all difficulties and hardships in the way of salvation with a generous soul, and to persevere in fidelity and love in spite of all obstacles and trials.

O Holy Spirit, impart to me the **Gift of Knowledge**, that illuminating light that will not only teach me the truth in all things pertaining to my salvation, but will make me despise what is deserving of contempt and love what is worthy of being loved.

O Holy Spirit, impart to me the **Gift of Piety**, that heavenly light which, entering into the depths of my being, will not only strongly incline my heart to love Divine worship and the liturgical services of the Church, but to practice cheerfully all that true godliness requires of me.

O Holy Spirit, impart to me the **Gift of the Fear of the Lord**. Let its Divine light penetrate my soul and fill it with such a reverence and awe of the Divine Majesty as to make me not only dread every sin as an offense against the great God, but also to shun carefully whatever in the least degree wounds Divine charity. Amen.

Act of Oblation to the Holy Spirit

ON MY KNEES before the great cloud of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself body and soul 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 have my being. 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. Make me faithful in every thought, and grant that I may always listen to Thy voice, watch for Thy light, and follow Thy gracious inspirations. I cling to Thee and give myself to Thee, and I ask Thee by Thy compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced feet of Jesus, looking at His five Wounds, 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 with the sin which Thou wilt not forgive. Grant to me the grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and of the Son, to say to Thee always and everywhere, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant hears." Amen. (After a prayer by Cardinal Newman)

Prayer for Unity

O HOLY SPIRIT, Spirit of Truth, come into our hearts; shed the brightness of Thy light upon the nations, that they may please Thee in unity of faith. (Raccolta 277)

Prayer for the Afflicted

O HOLY SPIRIT, Who art God together with the Father and the Son, deliver us this day from sadness and discouragement; preserve all Christians from despair and its fatal results. To all, even to those who destroy their own lives, or who may be overtaken by a sudden or violent death, mercifully grant both time and grace to make an act of perfect contrition. Amen.

To Obtain the Grace of the Holy Spirit

O GOD, before Whom every heart lies open, to Whom every will speaks, and from Whom no secret is hidden, purify, we beseech Thee, our hearts by the inpouring of the Holy Spirit, that we may come to love Thee perfectly and praise Thee worthily. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Act of Contrition

O GOD the Holy Spirit, Divine Spirit of Mercy, Truth, Holiness and Love, it pains me to think that there are souls who obstinately oppose Thee. Yet I, too, have at times offended Thee by my sins. I now implore Thy mercy and forgiveness; and I promise, with the help of Thy holy grace, never to offend Thee again, and to avoid all willful occasions of sin.

Prayer of St. Gertrude

HONOR and glory be unto Thee, O most sweet, most consoling, most mild, most meek, most kind, most merciful, most gracious Holy Spirit. Thou most sweet Comforter of pious souls, fill our hearts with Thy sevenfold graces and Gifts. Amen.

Aspirations to the Holy Spirit

(To be said after Mass or Holy Communion)

LIGHT of the intellect, enlighten me;

Divine Fire of hearts, inflame me;

Fullness of souls, fill me;

Lord of grace and life, vivify me;

In this vale of suffering, guide me;

In my weakness, strengthen me;

From stumbles and falls, deliver me;

With Thy Divine Gifts, overwhelm me;

With Thy Presence, console me;

By Thy Divine operations, sanctify me;

Into my Jesus, transform me;

And unto Thy glory, bear me,

That, having been faithful upon earth,

I may be eternally happy in Heaven, in the perfect reverberation of Thy love.

Amen.

May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts and refresh them abundantly with the sweetness of perfect charity!

O Infinite Love, I love Thee; do Thou confirm and increase my love!

O HOLY SPIRIT, sweet Guest of my soul, abide in me and grant that I may ever abide in Thee.

(From the Raccolta)

Sequence of Pentecost

O HOLY SPIRIT! Lord of light!
From Thy clear celestial height
Thy pure and beaming radiance give.
Come, Thou Father of the poor!
Come, with treasures which endure!
Come, Thou light of all that live!
Thou of all Consolers best,
Visiting the troubled breast,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.
Thou in toil art Comfort sweet,
Pleasant coolness in the heat,
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal! Light Divine!
Visit Thou these hearts of Thine,
And our inmost being fill.
If Thou take Thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness, pour Thy 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.
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.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit in Favor of the Church

O HOLY SPIRIT, Creator, be propitious to the Catholic Church; by Thy heavenly power make it strong and secure against the attacks of its enemies, and renew in charity and grace the spirit of Thy servants whom Thou hast anointed, that they may glorify Thee and the Father and His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Sighing for the Holy Spirit

O MILDEST Comforter, Holy Spirit, come to me. My soul sighs for Thee! My heart thirsts for Thee! Thou alone canst satisfy my longing; Thou alone canst make me happy. Despise not, O Divine Bridegroom, the dwelling of my poor heart.

My heart, alas, is unclean, but Thou canst purify it.

My heart is dark, but Thou canst illuminate it.

My heart is wicked, but Thou canst penetrate it with love.

My heart is sad, but Thou canst comfort it.

My heart is weak, but Thou canst strengthen it.

My heart is cold, but Thou canst inflame it.

My heart clings to earth, but Thou canst fill it with heavenly desires.

My heart is full of sin, but Thou canst adorn it with all virtues.

My heart is inconstant and wayward, but Thou canst make it docile.

Come then, O Holy Spirit, Thou Father of the poor, come and fill me with Thy love. Amen.

Father, Father, send us the promised Paraclete, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Prayer to Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit dispenses His choicest graces to those who have a tender love and devotion to Mary, His Immaculate Spouse. Mary on her part obtains the richest blessings for souls who honor and invoke her as the Spouse of the Holy Spirit.

O MARY, thou spotless Bride of the Holy Spirit, thou art the glory of Jerusalem, the joy of Israel, the honor of our nation! Thou, as the Valiant Woman, didst crush the head of the serpent when thou didst offer thy Divine Son to the Heavenly Father, in the love of the Holy Spirit, for the salvation of the world. Through the merits of this precious Sacrifice and through the sufferings of thy Son, obtain for us the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. I thank the Holy Spirit that He has chosen thee as His Bride and constituted thee the dispenser of His graces. Look upon me with thy compassionate eyes; look upon my distress and needs. Help me, that I may never lose the grace of God nor defile the temple of the Holy Spirit, but that my heart may ever remain His holy dwelling, and that with thee I may eternally praise and bless the Holy Spirit in Heaven. Amen.

Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, pray for us.

Prayer for Sinners

O HOLY SPIRIT, Spirit of the Father and the Son, let the might of Thy love be more and more felt in the hearts of men. Let Thy light shine more and more on souls that are wandering in the darkness far away from God. Turn them to the light-giving Heart of Jesus and to the healing stream of His Precious Blood. Strengthen souls that love Thee. Perfect in them Thy Seven Gifts and Thy Twelve Fruits, and so make them Thy temples here that Thou mayest be adored in them forever. Amen.

O Holy Spirit

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

Fire of the Spirit

by Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

Fire of the Spirit, life of the lives of creatures,
spiral of sanctity, bond of all natures,
glow of charity, lights of clarity,
taste of sweetness to sinners--
be with us and hear us.

Composer of all things,
light of all the risen,
key of salvation,
release from the dark prison,
hope of all unions, scope of chastities,
joy in the glory, strong honor--
be with us and hear us.