

LITANY FOR WHITSUNTIDE

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This Litany might be prayed throughout Whitsundtide, the Octave of the Holy Ghost (except on its Octave Day, which is the Feast of the Most Blessed Trinity).

Come, Holy Spirit, send down from Heaven the rays of Thy divine light.

*Come, Thou, Who art the Father of the poor,
the Author of all good gifts, and the light of our hearts.*

Come, Thou, the best of comforters, the sweet Guest,
and sweetest refreshment of our souls.

*The rest of our labours, the ruler of our passions,
the comforter of our tears.*

O blessèd Light, come, penetrate the very centre of the hearts of the faithful,

*Without Thy grace, what can man do?
How can he guiltless be?*

Wash, therefore, Lord, our polluted souls,
water our barren clay, and heal our wounds.

*Soften our stubborn wills, inflame our tepid hearts,
and guide our wandering steps.*

Grant unto Thy faithful who trust in Thee
the treasure of Thy sevenfold gift.

*Grant unto us a virtuous life, a happy death,
and a happy eternity. Amen.*

Send then, O God, we beseech Thee, the Holy Ghost into our hearts; and by His sacred presence and almighty power, may he banish from thence:

The spirit of the world and of a disorderly life:
we beseech Thee, hear us.

The spirit of sloth, of self-love and of the love of ease:
we beseech Thee, hear us.

The spirit of hatred and contempt: *we beseech Thee, hear us.*

The spirit of intemperance and impurity: *&c.*

The spirit of pride, vanity and all manner of ambition:

The spirit of envy and contention:

The spirit of detraction, calumny
and all kind of uncharitableness:

The spirit of dissembling, flattering and lying:

The spirit of revenge, passion and impatience:

The spirit of incredulity and profaneness:

The spirit of immoderate solicitude and worldly care:

The spirit of tepidity, indifference and indevotion:

The spirit of prodigality and of covetousness:

The spirit of frivolity and inconstancy:

And may He give unto us the spirit of universal charity, by which we may love God above all things, and our neighbours as ourselves.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

Let us pray.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that Thy Holy Spirit, Which proceedeth from Thee, may enlighten and regenerate our hearts, and guide us into all truth, according to the promise of Thy Son: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*