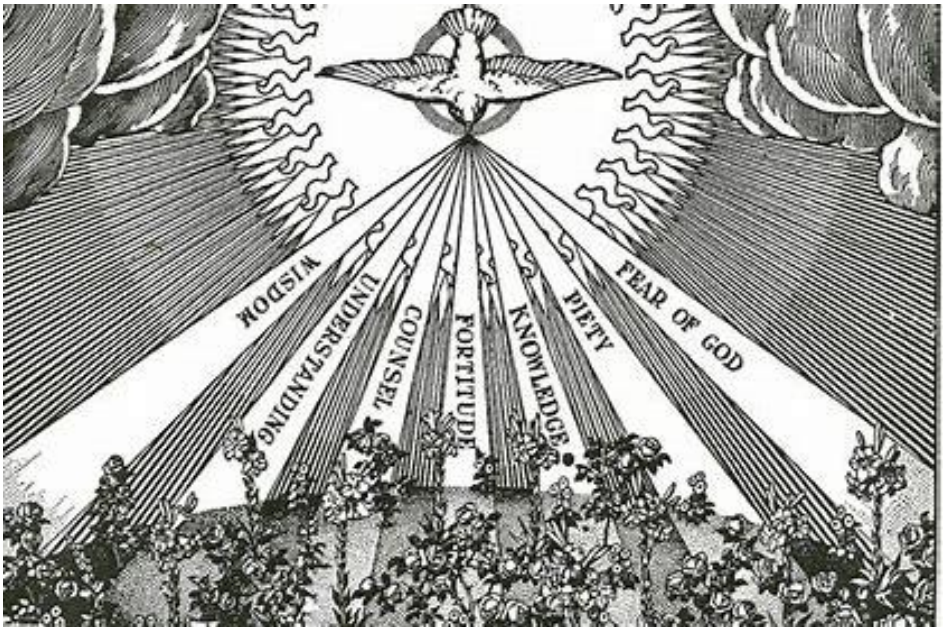


NOVENA OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



In the fundamental sense, the first novena in Holy Church was that of the Holy Ghost. Scripture tells us that, following the direction of Jesus Christ Himself, the apostles met in the cenacle and prayed unceasingly from the time of His Ascension into Heaven until the time when the Holy Spirit descended upon them. The Novena to the Holy Spirit later came to be a period of nine days, as the feastday of the Ascension was set aside for separate celebration. In terms of approved novenas, the earliest were those of the dead, which are periods of nine days following the time of someone's death or burial. The earliest approved novena to adore God was that of the Holy Trinity. This present novena was given approbation early on to honour God the Holy Ghost. Day One of this novena is the day (a Friday) following Ascension Day. The last day is Saturday, the eve of Pentecost.

**DAY ONE: FRIDAY,
THE DAY FOLLOWING ASCENSION DAY**
The Fruits of Charity and Joy

Veni, Creator Spiritus



Come, O Creator Spirit blest!
And in our souls take up Thy rest;
Come, with Thy grace and Heavenly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Great Paraclete!, to Thee we cry,
O highest gift of God most high!
O fount of life! O fire of love!
And sweet anointing from above!

Thou, in thy sevenfold gift art known;
Thee, 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 confess'd,
Of Both, th'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.

Let us prostrate ourselves before the majesty of the Most Holy Trinity, and, uniting our dispositions with those of our Blessed Lady and the holy apostles in the upper room at Jerusalem so as to obtain, by the merits of Jesus Ascended, the fruits of charity and joy of the Holy Ghost, let us pray: *Pater, Ave.*

O Most Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, we adore Thee with all humility; and, with the most lively affections of our hearts, we beseech Thee to assist us in this Thy Novena, that we may rightly prepare ourselves to receive Thy Heavenly gifts. We cannot, O Divine Spirit, receive Thee without Thine own aid preventing us. Without Thee, we cannot please Thee. Do Thou, then, Who preparedst the heart of Mary to receive the Word Incarnate, vouchsafe so to dispose our hearts that we may happily conceive the blessed flames of Thy love. Amen.

O let us fall and worship Him,
The love of Sire and Son,
The consubstantial breath of God,
The co-eternal One!

Ah!, see how like the Incarnate Word,
His blessed Self He lowers,
To dwell with us invisibly,
And make His riches ours.

Most loving Spirit! Mighty God!
Sweet must Thy presence be,
If loss of Jesus can he gain,
So long as we have Thee!

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

✠ Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

✠ And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Burn, O Lord, with the fire of the Holy Spirit, our reins and
our hearts, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body, and
please Thee with a clean heart; through our Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, world without end.
Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, ✠ Son and
Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and abide with us alway.
Amen.

DAY TWO: SATURDAY
The Fruits of Peace and Patience

Veni, Creator Spiritus
(as on Day One)

Let us prostrate ourselves before the majesty of the Most Holy Trinity, and, uniting our dispositions with those of our Blessed Lady and the holy apostles in the upper room at Jerusalem so as to obtain, by the merits of Jesus Ascended, the fruits of peace and patience of the Holy Ghost, let us pray: *Pater, Ave.*

O sweetest and most dear mother Mary, behold us at thy feet; and having kissed them a thousand times with the lips of our hearts, we humbly implore of thee a favour more needful for us than all else in the world beside. Since thou art the spouse of the Holy Ghost, the dispenser of His treasures and His sweet stewardess; and since thou hast been enriched beyond all other creatures with His Heavenly gifts: obtain for us, as thou didst obtain it for the apostles, His coming into our hearts; and, for this end, obtain for us the grace to imitate, so far as in us lies, the examples of thy humility, thy purity, and thy charity. Amen.

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To dwell with us invisibly,
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So long as we have Thee!

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

✠ Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

℞. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

O God, to Whom every heart is open and every will speaketh,
and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the infusion of the Holy Ghost, that we may
perfectly love Thee and worthily praise Thee, through our
Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, world
without end. Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, ✠ Son and
Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and abide with us always.
Amen.

DAY THREE: SUNDAY
The Fruits of Benignity and Goodness

Veni, Creator Spiritus
(as on Day One)

Let us prostrate ourselves before the majesty of the Most Holy Trinity, and, uniting our dispositions with those of our Blessed Lady and the holy apostles in the upper room at Jerusalem so as to obtain, by the merits of Jesus Ascended, the fruits of benignity and goodness of the Holy Ghost, let us pray: *Pater, Ave.*

Most holy Prince of the Apostles, blessed St. Peter, behold us prostrate at thy feet to implore thine aid in obtaining the grace of the Holy Spirit. We indeed have been unfaithful to our Redeemer, not thrice only, as thou wert, but many thousands of times, so that we could not hope that the Spotless Dove would vouchsafe to descend into our poor souls, stained with so many sins: yet thine example, O blessed Apostle, emboldens us. Thou didst weep bitterly and, with thy tears, wert so cleansed as to receive all the favours of the divine Paraclete. We too desire to bewail our sins with bitterest grief like thine, while we humbly implore thine intercession to obtain for us, first of all, cleanness of heart, and then the gift of the Holy Ghost, for which we yearn most earnestly. Amen.

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The love of Sire and Son,
The consubstantial breath of God,
The co-eternal One!

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His blessed Self He lowers,
To dwell with us invisibly,

And make His riches ours.

Most loving Spirit! Mighty God!

Sweet must Thy presence be,

If loss of Jesus can he gain,

So long as we have Thee!

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

✠ Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

℞. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

O God, Who hast taught the hearts of Thy faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us, by the same Spirit, to think the things that be right, and ever to rejoice in His consolation, through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, ✠ Son and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and abide with us always. Amen.

DAY FOUR: MONDAY
The Fruits of Longanimity and Mildness

Veni, Creator Spiritus
(as on Day One)

Let us prostrate ourselves before the majesty of the Most Holy Trinity, and, uniting our dispositions with those of our Blessed Lady and the holy apostles in the upper room at Jerusalem so as to obtain, by the merits of Jesus Ascended, the fruits of longanimity and mildness of the Holy Ghost, let us pray:
Pater, Ave.

O blessed and happy apostles of our Lord, who, in the upper room, didst receive the Holy Spirit with such fulness that ye were sweetly inebriated with divine love; we praise you with the most humble and lively affections, and we contemplate your graces with a holy envy. We beseech you by that love which ye bare to the Holy Spirit, who thus filled you with His special benedictions, to obtain for us efficaciously aid rightly to embrace that brotherly concord, that continual prayer and that tender devotion to Mary whereby we can obtain, even as ye obtained it, the infusion of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O let us fall and worship Him,
The love of Sire and Son,
The consubstantial breath of God,
The co-eternal One!

Ah!, see how like the Incarnate Word,
His blessed Self He lowers,
To dwell with us invisibly,
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Most loving Spirit! Mighty God!
Sweet must Thy presence be,

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So long as we have Thee!

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

✠ Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

✠. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

May the infusion of Thy Holy Spirit, O Lord, purify our
hearts, and by the inward sprinkling of His gracious dew,
make them fertile in all good works, through our Lord Jesus
Christ, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end.
Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, ✠ Son and
Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and abide with us always.
Amen.

DAY FIVE: TUESDAY
The Fruits of Faith and Modesty

Veni, Creator Spiritus
(as on Day One)

Let us prostrate ourselves before the majesty of the Most Holy Trinity, and, uniting our dispositions with those of our Blessed Lady and the holy apostles in the upper room at Jerusalem so as to obtain, by the merits of Jesus Ascended, the fruits of faith and modesty of the Holy Ghost, let us pray: *Pater, Ave.*

O eternal Father, how shall we ever bless and praise Thee sufficiently, or how shall we ever thank Thee for Thy goodness as we ought? A thousand times blessed be Thy perfect charity, Thine infinite providence, and Thy boundless mercy, which moved Thee to repair our miseries, and to grant unto us a Gift wherein is contained all the good that proceedeth from Thee! Thou hast given unto us Thy beloved Son, Who proceedeth from Thee as Thy divine Word. Thou hast given us also the Holy Ghost, Who proceedeth from Thy holy Will, as Thine uncreated love. What could we ask of Thee? What shall we return unto Thee for so great a Gift? O Lord, vouchsafe of Thy clemency, we beseech Thee, to take for Thine own all our understanding, all our will, our whole being; and that little sum deign to take from us for all eternity. Amen.

O let us fall and worship Him,
The love of Sire and Son,
The consubstantial breath of God,
The co-eternal One!

Ah!, see how like the Incarnate Word,
His blessed Self He lowers,

To dwell with us invisibly,
And make His riches ours.

Most loving Spirit! Mighty God!
Sweet must Thy presence be,
If loss of Jesus can he gain,
So long as we have Thee!

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

✠ Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

✠. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that the Paraclete, Who proceedeth
from Thee, may enlighten our minds and, in accordance with
the promises of Thy Son, may lead us into all truth, through
our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit,
world without end. Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, ✠ Son and
Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and abide with us alway.
Amen.

DAY SIX: WEDNESDAY
The Fruits of Continence and Chastity

Veni, Creator Spiritus
(as on Day One)

Let us prostrate ourselves before the majesty of the Most Holy Trinity, and, uniting our dispositions with those of our Blessed Lady and the holy apostles in the upper room at Jerusalem so as to obtain, by the merits of Jesus Ascended, the fruits of continence and chastity of the Holy Ghost, let us pray: *Pater, Ave.*

Most holy, most divine Spirit, if there be any souls in the world more needful of Thine aid than other, it is surely ours, blinded by our passions, chilled with an obstinate lukewarmness, and defiled by a thousand imperfections. Come then, O divine Spirit!: come and enlighten us. Kindle our fervour, and extinguish in us all that is displeasing in Thy sight. The greater our miseries are, so much the more glorious will be Thy triumph over our perversity. Come and create in us new hearts, which shall seek all for God and nothing for the world. Create in us a clean heart, O God. Amen.

O let us fall and worship Him,
The love of Sire and Son,
The consubstantial breath of God,
The co-eternal One!

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Most loving Spirit! Mighty God!
Sweet must Thy presence be,

If loss of Jesus can he gain,
So long as we have Thee!

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

✠ Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

✠. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Grant unto Thy Church, O merciful God that she, being
gathered together in the Holy Spirit, may be in no wise
troubled by the incursions of her enemies, through our Lord
Jesus Christ, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world
without end. Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, ✠ Son and
Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and abide with us always.
Amen.

DAY SEVEN: THURSDAY
Descent of the Holy Ghost upon St. Mary at the
Annunciation

Veni, Creator Spiritus
(as on Day One)

In honour of the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the ever-blessed Mother of God in the Annunciation, let us prostrate ourselves before the majesty of the Most Holy Trinity, and, uniting our dispositions with those of our Blessed Lady and the holy apostles in the upper room at Jerusalem, let us pray:
Pater, Ave.

Most divine Spirit, the Paraclete, we hardly dare to beseech Thee to descend into our souls, knowing well how sinful and defiled they are. It seems an intolerable boldness to invite God—no less a one than God!—to be a guest in a lodging so unclean. Yet Thou vouchsafest graciously to reassure us by that infinite goodness of Thine, whereby Thou dost dispose with Thy prevenient graces those hearts which Thou condescendest to honour with Thy presence. Thou disappointest not the desires of those who ardently sigh for Thee, and are continually waiting for Thee. O blessed Spirit, we sigh for Thee with the most lively affections. Deign to enter into us, and delay not Thy gracious coming, while we cease not calling upon Thee and beseeching Thee to console us with Thy long-awaited coming. Amen.

O let us fall and worship Him,
The love of Sire and Son,
The consubstantial breath of God,
The co-eternal One!

Ah!, see how like the Incarnate Word,
His blessed Self He lowers,
To dwell with us invisibly,
And make His riches ours.

Most loving Spirit! Mighty God!
Sweet must Thy presence be,
If loss of Jesus can he gain,
So long as we have Thee!

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

✠ Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

✠. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

We beseech Thee of Thy goodness, O Lord, to pour into our
minds the Holy Spirit, by Whose wisdom we were created,
and by Whose providence we are ruled, through our Lord
Jesus Christ, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world
without end. Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, ✠ Son and
Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and abide with us always.
Amen.

DAY EIGHT: FRIDAY
Descent of the Holy Ghost upon Jesus at the Jordan

Veni, Creator Spiritus
(as on Day One)

In honour of the descent of the Holy Ghost upon Jesus at the Jordan, let us prostrate ourselves before the majesty of the Most Holy Trinity, and, uniting our dispositions with those of our Blessed Lady and the holy apostles in the upper room at Jerusalem, let us pray: *Pater, Ave.*

Most adorable Trinity, we venture with all humility and awe to approach the lofty throne of Thine exalted Majesty: with our heads prostrate on the ground, we adore Thee, and we render unto Thee untiring gratitude for the immense blessings which Thou hast bestowed on us miserable men. We thank Thee, O eternal Father, and Thee, O divine Son, for the Gift which Ye have given us of the Holy Ghost, Your perfect love. We thank Thee, O Holy Ghost, Who art at once the Gift and the Giver of all gifts, and we most earnestly beseech Thee to offer us Thine own Self. But what can we render Thee in exchange for such great benefits? O blessed Spirit, vouchsafe of Thy mercy to accept for all eternity all our thoughts, all our affections, and our entire being. Amen.

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So long as we have Thee!

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

✠ Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

✠. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may burn with that fire of the Holy Ghost which our Lord Jesus Christ sent upon the earth, and which He desired to be ardently enkindled in all hearts, through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, ✠ Son and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and abide with us always. Amen.

DAY NINE: SATURDAY, VIGIL OF PENTECOST
The Transfiguration and Ascension of our Blessed Lord,
and the Manifestation of the Holy Ghost in the Church

Veni, Creator Spiritus
(as on Day One)

In honour of the transfiguration and ascension of our most dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and of the ineffable love of the Holy Spirit in all His manifestations to His creatures, let us prostrate ourselves before the majesty of the Most Holy Trinity, and, uniting our dispositions with those of our Blessed Lady and the holy apostles in the upper room at Jerusalem, let us pray: *Pater, Ave.*

Most holy Virgin and exalted Mother of God, who wast, unlike all other creatures, worthy to receive the Holy Ghost, and who didst receive Him with greater fulness than all others: dispose, we beseech Thee, by thy gracious aid, our cold hearts for the approaching solemnity of Pentecost. We fly to thee, most benignant mother of sinners, that thou mayest obtain for us a lively contrition for our sins so that, although, unlike thyself, we cannot receive the Holy Spirit in innocence, yet may we receive Him as true penitents, together with those gentle apostles who received Him in the upper room. Grant this, most holy mother, not for our merits, for we have few, but out of thine own exceeding goodness, and that great love which thou bearest to the same blessed Spirit, Who hath chosen thee to be His spouse. Amen.

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in them the fire of Thy love.

✠ Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

✠. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the splendour of
Thy brightness may shine upon us, and that the light of Thy
light may, by the illumination of the Holy Ghost, confirm the
hearts of those who, by grace, are regenerate, through our
Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world
without end. Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, ✠ Son and
Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and abide with us always.
Amen.