

Novena to The Holy Ghost Day Six



*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!*

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.”*

Let us Pray

Come, O Spirit of Understanding,
and enlighten our minds,
that we may know and believe
all the mysteries of salvation;
and may merit at last to see
the eternal light in Thy Light.

And in the light of glory,
to have a clear vision
of Thee and the Father and the Son.
Amen.

Our Father who art in Heaven....

Give us this day....

Hail Mary full of Grace....

Holy Mary mother of God...

Glory Be to the Father.... (Seven Times)

As it was in the beginning...

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.
Grant me the Spirit of **Understanding**,
to enlighten my mind
with the light of Your divine truth.
Grant me the Spirit of **Counsel**,
that I may choose the surest way
of pleasing God and gaining heaven.

Grant me the 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.
Grant me the Spirit of **Knowledge**,
that I may know God and know myself
and grow perfect in the science of the Saints.
Grant me the Spirit of **Piety**,
that I may find the service of God
sweet and amiable.

Grant me 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.

**Come, O Holy Ghost,
fill the hearts of Thy faithful,
And kindle in them the fire of Thy love.
Send forth Thy Spirit,
and they shall be created.
And Thou shall renew the face of the earth.**

Amen...