

**Novena to The Holy Ghost
Day Eight**



*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:*

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.”

Let us Pray

Come, O Spirit of Wisdom,
and reveal to my soul
the mysteries of heavenly things,
their exceeding greatness, power, and beauty.

Teach me to love them above and beyond
all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth.
Help me to attain them and possess them forever.
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...