

# Novena to the Holy Ghost – 9 Day Novena

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This nine day Novena is an excellent way to prepare for the Feast of Pentecost, one of the greatest days of the Church's liturgical year.

As the Holy Ghost descended on the apostles and Mary so to de we ask that the Holy Ghost descended upon our souls, families, cities and nations.

## Holy Ghost Novena – Day 1

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*Come Holy Ghost, and send forth from heaven the ray of Thy light.*

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus Et emitte coelitus Lucis tuæ rádium.*

### Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given us forgiveness of all sins, vouchsafe to send forth from heaven upon us Thy sevenfold Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety, and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear. Amen.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be (seven times)*

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*Come, Father of the poor; Come, giver of gifts; Come, light of hearts.*

*Veni, pater páuperum, Veni, dator múnerum: Veni, lumen córdium.*

### **Prayer for Holy Fear of the Lord**

Come, O blessed Spirit of Holy Fear, penetrate my inmost heart, that I may set Thee, my Lord and God, before my face forever; help me to shun all things that can offend Thee, and make me worthy to appear before the pure eyes of Thy Divine Majesty in heaven, where Thou livest and reignest in the unity of the ever Blessed Trinity, God, world without end. Amen.

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Thou best consoler, Sweet guest of the soul, Sweet coolness.

Consolátor óptime, Dulcis hospes animæ, Dulce refrigerium.

#### **Prayer for Piety**

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart. Enkindle therein such a love for God, that I may find satisfaction only in His service, and for His sake lovingly submit to all legitimate authority. Amen.

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In labor, rest; In heat, refreshment; In tears, solace.

In labóre réquies, In æstu tempéries, In fletu solátium.

#### **Prayer for Fortitude**

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity, sustain my efforts after holiness, strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies, that I may never be overcome and separated from Thee, my God and greatest Good. Amen.

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*O most blessed Light, Fill Thou the inmost recesses Of the hearts of Thy faithful.*

*O lux beatíssima, Reple cordis íntima Tuórum fidélium.*

### **Prayer for Knowledge**

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father; show me the nothingness of earthly things, that I may realize their vanity and use them only for Thy glory and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to Thee, and Thy eternal rewards. Amen.

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*Without Thy divine assistance There is nothing in man, Nothing harmless.*

*Sine tuo n mine, Nihil est in h mine, Nihil est inn xium.*

### **Prayer for Understanding**

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.

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Cleanse what is base, Bedew what is parched, Heal what is wounded.

Lava quod est sordidum, Riga quod est aridum Sana quod est saucium.

#### **Prayer for Counsel**

Come, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide me in all my ways, that I may always do Thy holy will. Incline my heart to that which is good; turn it away from all that is evil, and direct me by the straight path of Thy commandments to that goal of eternal life for which I long. Amen.

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*Flecte quod est rígidum, Fove quod est frígidum, Rege quod est dévium.*

*Bend what is rigid, Warm what is chilled, Guide what is astray.*

#### **Prayer For Wisdom**

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.

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*Give to Thy faithful Confiding in Thee Thy sevenfold gifts. Give them the reward of virtue; Give them a happy death; Give them eternal joy. Amen.*

*Da tuis fide libus, In te confidentibus, Sacrum septenarium. Da virtutis meritum, Da salutis exitum, Da perenne gaudium. Amen.*

## **Prayer**

Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Thy heavenly gifts, Thy charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, faith, mildness, and temperance, that I may never weary in the service of God, but by continued faithful submission to Thy inspiration may merit to be united eternally with Thee in the love of the Father and the Son. Amen.

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