

Novena to the Holy Spirit

A Novena is a prayer which is prayed for a series of nine days with a particular focus. Novenas originated in imitation of the Apostles who were gathered together in prayer for nine days from the time of Our Lord's Ascension to Pentecost Sunday.

Day One: All the Gifts of the Spirit

Opening Songs

Let the Fire Fall

Holy Spirit come with Your fire (4X)

Come Holy Spirit let the fire fall Come Holy Spirit let the fire fall
Let the fire fall Let the fire fall

Holy Spirit purify my heart (4X)

Holy Spirit set my life on fire (4X)

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Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope Your Presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Let us become more aware of Your Presence Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

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Pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

On my knees I, before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, offer myself, soul and body to you, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of your purity, the unerring keenness of your justice and the might of your love. You are the strength and light of my soul. In you I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve you by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against you. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for your light, and listen to your voice, and follow your gracious inspirations. I cling to you and give myself to you and ask you by your 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 you, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in your grace that I may never sin against you. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to you always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for your servant is listening." Amen

Saint Intercession: St. Godeberta of Noyon (c. 700) cared for the sick in a less direct way than many others. An abbess with great influence over the people who lived near her abbey, Godeberta encouraged them to pray for the end of a plague. After they spent three days fasting in sackcloth and ashes, the plague ended quite suddenly.

L: St. Godeberta of Noyon **All:** Pray for us.

Pope Francis shares

"Unity in diversity. Catholic unity is diverse but it is one. It's curious, eh? The same one who creates diversity, all these problems of diversity, is the same one who then creates unity: the Holy Spirit. He does both things: unity in diversity. Unity does not imply uniformity; it does not necessarily mean doing everything together or thinking in the same way. Nor does it signify a loss of identity. Unity in diversity is actually the opposite: it involves the joyful recognition and acceptance of the various gifts which the Holy Spirit gives to each one and the placing of these gifts at the service of all members of the Church."

Scripture Reading: John 16:7-13

But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes he will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation; sin, because they do not believe in me; righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; condemnation, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Upright is the word of the Lord, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and righteousness. Of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.

Response: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made by the breath of his mouth all their host. For he spoke and it was made, he commanded and it stood forth.

Response: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

See the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

Response: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul waits for the Lord who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O Lord be upon us who have put our hope in you.

Response: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Reflection – Fr. John Mayo

For All the Gifts of the Spirit

Jesus assures us that the Holy Spirit teaches us what we need to know and helps us recognize the truth. Let us seek to better understand how this happens and meditate on these gifts.

Pray Hail Mary, Our Father and 7 Glory Be's

Meditation: Our need is God's opportunity. But we must acknowledge our need. Often this means helplessness before some weakness or sickness and an admission of our need for help in this pandemic. Next comes faith in the power of God's Spirit, available to us to meet that need. Our faith must find some expression before any need will be met. That expression of faith is all God is looking for, and He will manifest His power in our lives. Faith is the key that allows us to receive the storehouse of God's resources.

Final Prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, you have restored me into your image and likeness by the water of baptism and the Holy Spirit, and you gave me the forgiveness of sins. Send forth from heaven upon me your sevenfold gifts of the Spirit. Fill me with the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety, and the Spirit of Wonder and Awe. Help me to come alive in all these gifts, that I may be purified. Turn away from me all evil and help me to serve your kingdom well. Amen.

Closing Song

Nothing I Hold Onto

I lean not on my own understanding
My life is in the hands of the maker of heaven

I give it all to You God Trusting that You'll make Something beautiful out of me

I will climb this mountain With my hands wide open

There's nothing I hold onto There's nothing I hold onto