



You are invited to join in a  
**NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
in preparation for the 40th Annual  
SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention  
**"One Body, One Spirit"**

We are asking the Holy Spirit to fill us anew with the power of His Love and especially to bring renewal to His Church. The apostles and other followers of Jesus devoted themselves to constant prayer after the Ascension, to prepare for the powerful coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We pray that this Convention will be a new Pentecost for many people.

This novena consists of prescribed daily prayers for nine days. You may want to consider fasting and the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist during this period.

This particular novena has been prayed by the staff of SCRC for many years for special times of preparation. Please invite others to join us as we pray and prepare again this year for a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you.  
The SCRC Staff

## NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest!  
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;  
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid  
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made;  
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

O Comforter! To Thee we cry,  
Thou heavenly gift of God most High;  
Thou font of life and fire of love,  
And sweet anointing from above;  
And sweet anointing from above.

## SEVENTH DAY

Come, Holy Spirit, creator of all things: come, visit our hearts with your power. Fill with grace, friendly guest, the hearts which you have created. You are called the Consoler, gift from the hand of God, source of life, light, love, and flame, highest good. You are the pledge of sevenfold grace, finger of the Father's hand, promised us by Him, and you make our tongues speak the truth. Cast light on our senses, pour love into our hearts. Grant our weak bodies strength that they may never grow weary of doing good. Keep the enemy far from us, give us peace always, let us willingly follow in your footsteps that we may be far removed from sin. Grant that through you we may grow in knowledge of the Father and of the Son, and that we may ever strongly believe in you, the Spirit of both. Praise and honor be forever to the Father on the highest throne, in the risen Son of God, in the Consoler. Amen

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

## EIGHTH DAY

O Holy Spirit, life and light of the Church, give us thoughts higher than our own thoughts, and prayers better than our own prayers, and powers beyond our own powers, that we may love and live, imitating Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Come to us, Holy Spirit, come, one with the Father and Son. Vouchsafe to dwell within our souls and quickly make our hearts your own. Quench you the fires of hate and strife, the wasting fever of the heart. From perils guard our feeble life and to our souls thy peace impart. Let voice and mind and heart and strength confess and glorify your name and let the fire of charity burn bright and other hearts inflame.

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

## NINTH DAY

O Lord, Holy Spirit, grant me sight to see the wondrous promise of divine love; insight to see my own weakness; delight in your divine presence in my soul which you have made your temple through sanctifying grace. I pray, O Holy Spirit, that I be not doubting; that I be spared the pain of being alone without trust or hope in Christ; that my prayer may always be "My Lord and my God!" I pray that I may acquire a sense of retreat to prayer and recollection at various times in my daily life; for prayer is the bond that joins us to Christ. I pray that I may be aware of the physical needs of the poor and that I may share what I can with them in the charitable works of the Church. I pray, O Holy Spirit, that you will in your mercy grant me the favor I have sought in this novena.

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

"He who asks of God in faith things needful for this life is sometimes mercifully heard and sometimes mercifully not heard. For the Physician knows better than the patient what will avail for the sick man."

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,  
From Thy throne in splendor bright  
Shed on us a ray divine;  
Come and from Thy boundless store  
On our hearts Thy treasures pour;  
Come and make us truly Thine.

O Thou blessed light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of Thine.  
And our inmost being fill!

Heal our wounds: our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour Thy dew;  
Wash our stains of guilt away;  
Bend and sway our stubborn will;  
From our hearts remove the chill;  
Guide our footsteps when we stray.



## SECOND DAY

### Novena Prayer

O Holy Spirit, divine Consoler! I adore you as my true God. I bless you by uniting myself to the praises you receive from the angels and the saints. I offer you my whole heart, and I render you heartfelt thanks for all the benefits that you have bestowed and do unceasingly bestow upon the world. You who are the author of all supernatural gifts and who did enrich with immense favors the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, I beseech you to visit me by your grace and your love, and grant me the favor I so earnestly seek in this novena. . . . O Holy Spirit, spirit of truth, come into our hearts: shed the brightness of your light on all nations, that they may be one in faith and pleasing to you. Amen.

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

## FIRST DAY

O Holy Spirit, bestow upon us your seven holy gifts. Enlighten our understanding that we may know you. Give us wisdom that your will may be clear to us and that we may accept it. Grant us the gift of counsel that we may always perceive what is right. Fortify us that we may always be capable of fulfilling your divine will. Inspire us with the spirit of learning that we may be able to penetrate more deeply into the truths which you have revealed. Let our hearts be steeped in the spirit of childlikeness that we may bring you joy. Let us have a proper fear of God that we may never grieve you or wander from the path of goodness. Give us the fullness of your gifts that we may glorify you. Amen.

Look with compassion upon us, O Holy Spirit, and grant us the favor we seek in this novena. If it be in accordance with your holy will

O Holy Spirit, make me faithful in every thought, and grant that I may always listen to your voice, and watch for your light, 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, looking at his five wounds, trusting in his precious blood, adoring his opened side and stricken heart, I implore you, adorable Spirit, helper of my infirmity, to keep me in your grace, now and always. Amen.

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## THIRD DAY

Heavenly Father, you have called me to be a member of the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ, and to be a temple of the Holy Spirit. I ask you to give me the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, that I may understand the follies of this world; understanding that I may grasp more fully the meaning of my existence and the purpose of all things in the world; counsel, that I may always choose the proper way; fortitude, that I may remain faithful to you under the pressure of temptation; piety, that I may revere you in all I do, think, or say; fear of the Lord, that should the motive of love fail me, I may be quickly awakened to the eternal consequences of my deeds.

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## FOURTH DAY

O God, who today by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, give us by the light of the same Holy Spirit, a love for what is right and just and a constant enjoyment of His comforts. Pray, O Holy Spirit, that I may strive to learn more of my faith, that I may ever be conscious that reason in all its human magnificence is capable of grasping but a glimpse of the reality that is God. Pray that I may accept as the motto of my life "All for the greater glory of God."

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

## FIFTH DAY

Come, O Spirit of sanctity, from the glory of heaven and send forth the radiance of your light. Father of all the poor, light and peace of all hearts, come with your countless gifts. Consoler in desolation, refreshment full of loveliness, come, dear friend of my soul. In weariness send repose; breathe gently the cool refreshing breeze; console the desolate who weep alone. O Light of beatitude, make our hearts ready; come enter into our souls. Without your grace, man stands alone, he cannot be good or sure. Cleanse what is soiled; heal what is wounded; moisten what is arid. Bend the stubborn will; warm the cold heart; guide the wandering footsteps. O Holy Spirit, we beg you to give us grace through your sevenfold power. Give us merit for the present, and one day beatitude when we have finished our earthly journey. Amen.

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

## SIXTH DAY

O Father in heaven, I beg you to send the Holy Spirit. May your Holy Spirit remind me when I am apt to forget your law, your love, your promises. May your Holy Spirit strengthen my memory to recall frequently your sanctity, omniscience, wisdom and goodness, faithfulness and love. May your Holy Spirit encourage me when I am slothful; strengthen me when I am weak; enlighten me when I no longer can help myself. Breathe into me, O Holy Spirit, that my mind may turn to what is holy. Move me, that I may do what is holy. Stir me, that I may love what is holy. Strengthen me, that I may preserve what is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may never lose what is holy. Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.