

A NOVENA (NINEFOLD PRAYER) FOR THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

The following song is in L.M.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee with both to be but One,
that through the ages all along,
this may be our endless song:

Praise be to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Daily Prayer to be followed by the prayer for the day:

Come, great Paraclete, Father of the poor, Comforter of the blest,
fulfill the promise of our Savior who would not leave us as orphans.
Fill us as you descended on the day of Pentecost upon his Apostles.
Grant that every member of the Church may have a part in those
gifts which were bestowed that day.

O Holy Spirit, Giver of every good and perfect gift,
may the Father's will be done in us and through us,
and may you, O mighty Spirit, equal to the Father and
the Son in Being and majesty, be praised and glorified
for ever and ever. Amen.

Here may be added any of the following prayers:
Our Father, Trisagion, Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy),
Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father...),

concluding with the prayer appropriate to the day of the novena.



First Day

Alleluia! Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven;
O come, let us adore Him! Alleluia!

Come, O Holy Spirit, the Lord and Life-giver:
Take up again your dwelling within me as your sacred temple.
Grant me to live by grace as an adopted child of God.
Pervade all the energies of my life,
may the fountain of living water spring up into life everlasting
and be streams of refreshment for the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Father, o
ne God, in Trinity of Persons, now and forever. Amen.

Second Day

Alleluia! Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven;
O come, let us adore Him! Alleluia!

Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal the mysteries
of divine things, their greatness, and power, and beauty.
Teach me to love them above and beyond
all the transient joys and satisfactions of the mortal world.
Show me the way by which I may be able to attain
to them and participate in them forever; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Father, one God, in Trinity of Persons,
now and forever. Amen.

Third Day

Alleluia! Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven;
O come, let us adore Him! Alleluia!

Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten my mind,
that I may know and believe all of the mysteries of salvation
and discern your hand at work in the world.
Teach me to see with your eyes that I may apply my heart
unto wisdom in this life and be made worthy to attain t
o the vision glorious in the life to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Father, one God, in Trinity of Persons,
now and forever. Amen.

Fourth Day

Alleluia! Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven;
O come, let us adore Him! Alleluia!

Come, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide me in all my ways,
that I may always do your holy will.
Incline my heart to that which is good,
turn it away from all that is evil,
and direct me by the path of him who is
the Way, the Truth, and the Life to the goal of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Father, one God, in Trinity of Persons,
now and forever. Amen.



Fifth Day

Alleluia! Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven;
O come, let us adore Him! Alleluia!

Come, O Spirit of Fortitude, and give courage to my soul.
Make my heart strong in all trials and in all distress,
generously pouring strength into it that I may be able
to resist the allurements of the world, the flesh, and the devil;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Father, one God, in Trinity of Persons,
now and forever. Amen.

Sixth Day

Alleluia! Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven;
O come, let us adore Him! Alleluia!

Come, O Spirit of Knowledge, and make me understand
the emptiness and chaos of life without you.
Give me grace to recognize the goodness of the
whole creation and to honor You, the Creator,
by using the world only for your glory, for the good of others,
and the salvation of all whom you have made;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Father, one God, in Trinity of Persons,
now and forever. Amen.

Seventh Day

Alleluia! Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven;
O come, let us adore Him! Alleluia!

Come, O Spirit of Piety, possess my heart;
incline it to a true faith in you, to a holy love of you,
my God, that with my whole being I may seek you,
and find you to be my best, my truest joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Father, one God, in Trinity of Persons,
now and forever. Amen.

Eighth Day

Alleluia! Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven;
O come, let us adore Him! Alleluia!

Come, O Spirit of Holy Awe, penetrate my inmost heart,
that I may set you, my Lord and God, before my face forever.
In joy and wonder may I be made worthy to appear
before the pure eyes of your divine Majesty and behold
your glory face to face in the heaven of heavens,
where you live and reign in the unity of the Ever-blessed Trinity,
now and forever. Amen.

Ninth Day

Alleluia! Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven;
O come, let us adore Him! Alleluia!

Come, O Holy Comforter, come in all your fullness and power.
Enrich us in our poverty, inflame us in our feebleness,
melt our hearts with your love. Make us wholly yours,
until your gifts are ours and we are lost in you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Father, one God, in Trinity of Persons,

