#### **FIRST DAY of Novena for Pentecost**



# O Holy Spirit! Lord of light! From Thy clear celestial height, Thy pure and beaming radiance give!

# The Holy Ghost

Only one thing is important-----eternal salvation.
Only one thing, therefore, is to be feared-----sin.
Sin is the result of ignorance, weakness, and indifference.
The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Light, of Strength, and of Love.
With His sevenfold gifts He enlightens the mind,
strengthens the will,
and inflames the heart with love of God.
To ensure our salvation
we ought to invoke the Divine Spirit daily,
for "The Spirit helpeth our infirmity.
We know not what we should pray for as we ought.
But the Spirit Himself asketh for us."

### **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 and Hail Mary ONCE - Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES.

## Act of Oblation to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts

TO BE RECITED DAILY DURING THE NOVENA

#### ON MY KNEES

before the great cloud of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself body and soul to Thee, 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 have my being.

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.

Make me faithful in every thought, and grant that I may always listen to Thy voice, watch for Thy light, and follow Thy gracious inspirations.

I cling to Thee and give myself to Thee, and I ask Thee by Thy compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced feet of Jesus, looking at His five Wounds, 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 with the sin which Thou wilt not forgive.

Grant to me the grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and of the Son, to say to Thee always and everywhere, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant hears." Amen.

(After a prayer by Cardinal Newman)

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