

St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Malden

Novena to the Holy Spirit



This leaflet is suitable both for public and private devotion to the Holy Spirit. Devotion to the Holy Spirit is an inherent part of our faith and prayer life. Thus, this novena can be used both at Pentecost and at any time during the year.

DAY 1

Creation awaits fulfilment

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light! From your great celestial height, your pure beaming radiance give! Almighty and eternal God, send forth your Spirit who brought order from chaos at the beginning of the universe, and peace to the Lord's disciples. Grant that I, as your creation, baptised in your Spirit, may be filled with the seven gifts so that I may forever do your will and renew the face of the earth. *Amen*

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven,
you promised to send the Holy Spirit to your apostles and disciples.
Grant the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of your grace and love.
Grant us the Spirit of **Wisdom** that we may aspire to the things that last forever;

The Spirit of **Piety** that we may find peace and fulfilment
in the service of God while serving others;

The Spirit of **Fortitude** that we may bear our cross with you and with courage
overcome the obstacles that interfere with our salvation;

The Spirit of **Knowledge** that we may know you and know ourselves and grow in holiness;

The Spirit of **Understanding** to enlighten our minds with the light of your truth;

The Spirit of **Counsel** that we may choose the surest way of doing
your will and seek first the Kingdom;

The Spirit of **Fear** of the Lord that we may be filled with love reverence towards you.

Teach us to be your faithful disciples and animate us in every way with your Spirit. *Amen.*

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Almighty God, my Father, you have called me into your family and consecrate me into your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through my baptism in the Holy Spirit. I have heard your voice and wish to give myself to the service of the Gospel. I offer myself to you today and I dedicate myself to your Holy Spirit.

O Holy Spirit, fill my heart with noble desire to make my life wise with knowledge, beautiful with love, and useful in service. Enlighten the scriptures for me and guide my mind that I may always choose what is right and just. Teach me what I ought to pray for to enrich my life with the fruits which only You can give.

O Holy Spirit, open my eyes that I may see the truth; strengthen my heart that I may face the truth; enlighten my mind that I may understand the truth.

O Holy Spirit, in you I live and move and have my being. Give me peace of mind and heart. Watch over me in my weakness and give me the grace to say to You always and everywhere; "Speak Lord, your servant is listening. " ***Amen.***

DAY 2

Christ's promise to send the Paraclete

Come, Father of the poor! Come with treasures that endure! Come the light of all that lives! Come O Blessed Spirit of Wisdom, strengthen my faith, increase my hope, perfect my charity. Father, enlighten us each day, in the silence of our hearts, to discern the voice of your Spirit, to do what He asks of us and to understand the gifts He freely gives us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Act of Consecration

DAY 3

The Soul of Christ's Body, the Church

You of all consolers best, visiting the troubled breast, do refreshing peace bestow.

Come, O blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart. God our Father, may I through the grace of your Spirit, be forever filled with filial affection for you. Grant that I may be inspired to love and respect all members of your family as brothers and sisters of Jesus who, together with him, call you Abba Father. ***Amen***

Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

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Act of Consecration

DAY 4

The Dignity of the Christian

You in toil are comfort sweet; pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity. O, divine Trinity, grant that I may be strengthened to see in myself and in others the dignity that is mine as a temple of your Holy Spirit, to be loved by Jesus, Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Act of Consecration

DAY 5

Gifted to serve and build up others

Light immortal! Light divine! Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill.

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father. Father, through your Spirit, you invite me to participate in the fullness of creation. Help me to see that all gifts are from you and intended for your glory. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

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Act of Consecration

DAY 6

Human Weakness and sinfulness

If you take your grace away, nothing pure in us will stay, And our good is turned to ill.

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Understanding, enlighten my mind that I may appreciate and see more fully what I know by faith. Come to me in my weakness and give voice to my petitions, for the prayers that the Spirit makes for God's holy people are always in accordance with the mind of God. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

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Act of Consecration

DAY 7

Growth in the freedom that Love gives

Heal our wound, our strength renew; on our dryness, pour your dew; Wash the stains of guilt away!

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Counsel. Make my thoughts holy, my love pure and my works pleasing to God. Father, guided by your Spirit, may I strive to make loving choices and respect all life. May I be aware of my dignity as your child, redeemed with the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

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Act of Consecration

DAY 8

Gifted through the Spirit

Bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.

Come, O Blessed Spirit of the Fear of the Lord. Fill me with devotion to God alone. In the Risen Christ, I welcome you, O Spirit of truth, whom the Father sends in Jesus' name. Wash clean my sinful soul and rain down your grace that I may be one with the Church in fidelity to our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

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Act of Consecration

DAY 9

Send with the power to reconcile

You on those who ever more, you confess and you adore,
in your sevenfold gifts descend.

Give them comfort when they die, give them life with you on high;

Give them joys that never end.

Father, through Jesus your Son, you sent the Paraclete to be at our side to reconcile all creation to you. Grant that I may always be open to Jesus' invitation to receive the Holy Spirit. Open my heart to accept your forgiveness for my sins and to offer the same forgiveness to those I feel have offended me. For merciful forgiveness is the essence of your love revealed in your Son. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

Act of Consecration

Let us pray: Come, O Holy Spirit, fill my heart with your heavenly fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control, that I may, by faithful submission to your inspiration, merit to be united eternally with you in the love of the Father and of the Son. *Amen.*

