

DEVOTIONS TO THE HOLY
GHOST

A Prayer for the Seven-Fold Gift

O HOLY Ghost, my Lord and my God, who hast over-shadowed the Blessed Virgin Mary and formed the most holy humanity of my Saviour Jesus Christ, I adore thee, and acknowledge here in thy divine presence, that I am nothing and can do nothing without thee. Come, thou blessed Spirit of God, and dwell in this soul that longs to be thy holy temple. Heal the lurking distemper of my heart and infuse thy grace into the well-springs of my life.

O Holy Ghost, grant me the gift of wisdom and supernatural light, that I may not only know God, his infinite goodness, power, and beauty, but also taste with ardent joy of heart his infinite sweetness.

O Holy Ghost, grant me the gift of understanding and shining light, that I may know the mysteries of faith and of heavenly things, not as in darkness, but in the true light of thy wisdom filling my mind and heart.

O Holy Ghost, grant me the gift of counsel and brilliant light, that in danger and doubt I may choose what is right and good, and under thy guidance attain a happy end.

O Holy Ghost, grant me the gift of fortitude and comforting light, that I may generously overcome all difficulties in the way of salvation, resisting all temptations, and bearing patiently all the troubles and trials of this life.

O Holy Ghost, grant me the gift of knowledge and discerning light, that I may judge of all things according to their true worth, and despise what is to be despised and love what is to be loved.

O Holy Ghost, grant me the gift of godliness and heavenly light, which may penetrate my soul with a tender devotion to thee and love for thy divine service, and also cause me to find happiness in practising good works.

O Holy Ghost, grant me the gift of the fear of God and penetrating light, that I may recognize how greatly sin offends thy infinite majesty, and may fear and most carefully avoid all that is displeasing to thee.

Prayer to the Holy Ghost for the Church

O HOLY Spirit, Creator, be gracious to the Catholic Church (and particularly to this parish); and by thy heavenly power make it strong and secure against the attacks of its enemies; and renew in love and grace the spirit of thy servants, whom

thou hast anointed, that they may glorify thee and the Father and his only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ejaculations to the Holy Ghost

HOLY Spirit, Spirit of truth, come into my heart; shed the brightness of thy light on all nations, that they may be one in faith and pleasing to thee.

COME, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful: and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

See Novena to the Holy Ghost, p. 312.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father, of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father
and the Son,

Holy Ghost, Co-equal with the Father and
the Son,

Promise of the Father,

Gift of the most high God,

Ray of heavenly light,

Author of all good,

Have mercy upon us.

Source of living water,
 Burning Love,
 Spirit of truth and power,
 Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 Spirit of counsel and might,
 Spirit of knowledge and piety,
 Spirit of the fear of the Lord,
 Spirit of compunction and repentance,
 Spirit of grace and prayer,
 Spirit of love, joy and peace,
 Spirit of patience, long-suffering and
 gentleness,
 Spirit of mildness and faith,
 Spirit of modesty, purity and chastity,
 Spirit of adoption of the Sons of God,
 Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
 Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier,
 Who in the beginning didst move over the
 waters,
 Who didst inspire the holy men of old,
 Who didst overshadow the Blessed Virgin,
 Who didst give her power to conceive the
 Son of God,
 Who didst appear at the baptism of Jesus,
 Who didst descend upon the Apostles on
 the day of Pentecost,
 Who dwellest in us,
 Who governest the Church,
 Who fillest the whole world,

Have mercy upon us.

Holy Ghost, we beseech thee to hear us,
 That thou wouldest renew the face of
 the earth,
 That thou wouldest shed thy light in our
 hearts,
 That thou wouldest inflame us with thy
 love,
 That thou wouldest open to us the
 treasures of thy grace,

*We beseech thee
to hear us.*

That thou wouldest enlighten us with thy
 inspirations,
 That thou wouldest make us obedient to
 thy inspirations,
 That thou wouldest help us to love and
 bear with each other,
 That thou wouldest teach us to pray and
 thyself pray within us,
 That thou wouldest cause us to persevere
 in righteousness,

*We beseech thee
 to hear us.*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
 world,

Pour out thy Holy Spirit upon us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
 world,

Send down thy Holy Spirit upon us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
 world,

Grant to us thy Holy Spirit.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within us.

Let us pray.

Grant, O Merciful Father, that thy divine
 Spirit may enlighten, inflame, and cleanse our
 hearts, that his indwelling presence may fill us,
 and make us fruitful in good works. Through
 Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing.

The grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our
 hearts and senses. Amen.