

## DEVOTIONS TO THE HOLY GHOST

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### 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.

### Ejaculatory Prayers

**H**OLY 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.

**C**OME, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

¶ See the Novena to the Holy Ghost, p. 314.

### Litany of the Holy Ghost

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, the Inspirer,  
 Holy Trinity, One God,  
 Holy Ghost, proceeding from the  
 Father and the Son,  
 Holy Ghost, Co-equal with the Fa-  
 ther and the Son,

} *Have mercy upon us.*

Promise of the Father,  
 Gift of the Most High God,  
 Ray of Heavenly Light,  
 Author of all good,  
 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 Repen-  
     tance,  
 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,

*Have mercy upon us.*

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,  
 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 perse-  
 vere 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.

**G**RANT, 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.