

**Book of Devotions  
to the  
Holy Ghost**

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*Handbook of the Pious Union  
in honor of  
God the Holy Ghost.*

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*Veni Creator Spiritus, Veni!*



Pious Union in honor of the Holy Ghost

**Certificate of Membership**

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**Object:** The Pious Union has for its object  
the Third Person of the Most Adorable  
Trinity, God the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete.

**End:** The end of this Pious Union is to spread  
and foster devotion to the Third Person  
of the Ever Blessed Trinity.

**Conditions:** Conditions for membership are:

- I. To have full Baptismal name and sur-  
name inscribed on the register kept at  
Providence.
- II. To receive Certificate of affiliation.

**Duties:**

- I. To say daily some short prayer or invo-  
cation to the Holy Ghost, e.g. of Praise,  
Thanksgiving, Petition, Reparation.
- II. To spread the devotion. (Members are  
exhorted to wear the Medal or Scapular  
of the Holy Ghost — though not of  
obligation.)

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please fill in the name and date above.*

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## CARDINAL MERCIER'S RECOMMENDATION

I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness.

Every day for five (5) minutes control your imagination and close your eyes to the things of sense and your ears to all the noises of the world, in order to enter into yourself. Then, in the sanctity of your baptized soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit), speak to that divine Spirit, saying to Him,

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do. Give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and accept all that you permit to happen to me. Let me only know Your Will.

If you do this, your life will flow along happily, serenely, and full of consolation, even in the midst of trials. Grace will be proportioned to the trial, giving you strength to carry it, and you will arrive at the gate of Paradise laden with merit. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity.

CARDINAL MERCIER

## *Veni Creator Spiritus, Veni!*

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### Devotion to the Holy Ghost

The children of this world live, work and die for the world — they are led by its spirit. But the children of God live and work and die for Him — they are led by His Holy Spirit. Yet, how few there are who are really led by the Spirit of God! Are there not many Catholics who, if questioned on this subject, might be forced to confess to their ignorance of the Divine Spirit and His Holy Operations?

Even you, perhaps, are one of those who either do not know Him, or, knowing Him, are unmindful of His inspirations. He first came to your soul in Baptism, to make you, by sanctifying grace, a child of God. He came to you again in Confirmation, to make you, by the fulness of His Seven Gifts, a soldier of Jesus Christ. Your body became His living temple, your soul His living tabernacle. “Know you not that your



members are the temple of the Holy Ghost who is in you?" (I Cor. VI., 19.) And yet, how little do you realize all this! He lives in your soul, inspiring your mind with holy thoughts, filling your heart with holy desires, and supporting all your endeavors. But do you thank Him? Do you even think of Him?

"Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God!" (Ephes; IV., 30.) "Extinguish not the Spirit!" (1 Thess. V, 19.) Such are the admonitions of St. Paul, only too necessary in view of the numbers who *grieve* the Holy Spirit by disregarding His inspirations, committing deliberate venial sins, and being lukewarm in God's service, or who *extinguish* Him by committing grievous sin. Examine your own heart and see how you have acted in the past. It was St. Francis of Assisi who exhorted his brethren "to desire above all things the Spirit of the Lord and His holy Operation." Pray to God most fervently that He would deign to fill you with this desire, and then, of a truth, "your Father from heaven will give the good Spirit to them that ask Him." (Luke XI., 13.)

Resolve therefore, to have real devotion to the Holy Ghost. Love Him for His own sake, for He is God. Love Him for His patient indwelling in your soul. Thank Him for His constant favors and blessings. Be led and guided in all things by His inspirations. Invoke His aid in all your undertakings, whether spiritual or temporal. Think of Him often, meditate upon His Divine workings in your heart, perform some devout exercises in His honor.

Above all things, be careful never to grieve or offend Him by any wilful fault: but do all you can to please Him, by the practice of virtue and by doing the most ordinary things with a consecrated intention.

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## PIOUS UNION IN HONOR OF GOD THE HOLY GHOST

The Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier, not only of the individual soul, but of society at large. Therefore not only should each Christian honor Him, but there should be devotion shown Him by worshippers united in a body for this very purpose. Such a body is "The Pious Union of the Holy Ghost," approved by the highest authority, namely the Holy See.

The Pious Union has been devised upon the simplest plan. No conditions of any kind are required beyond the earnest desire of promoting devotion to the Holy Ghost. Neither are there any obligations contracted beyond the promise to practice devotion to the Holy Ghost and to promote the same among others. Enrollment, likewise very simple, consists in having one's name inscribed on a register, and in receiving a certificate of membership.

N.B. No person is validly enrolled

as a member without his or her knowledge and consent. The Faithful Departed may be recommended to the prayers and Masses of the Pious Union, but cannot be enrolled in the same manner as living members.

Members, as soon as they receive their certificate, are entitled to a share in all the Holy Masses celebrated throughout the world by priests of the Capuchin Franciscan Order: likewise to a share in all the works of penance, fasting, vigils, and prayers, as is expressed in the following extract from a letter of the Most Reverend Father General of the Order:

“We, in virtue of these presents, grant to the faithful of either sex who are inscribed in the sodality called ‘The Pious Union of the Holy Ghost,’ both present and to come, a share in all the good works which may be performed by the Religious of our Order.”

“Given at Rome, at the College of St. Laurence of Brindisi, August 16th, 1904.”

Bro. Bernard of Andermatt.

## Jesus Said to His Disciples:

“If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Paraclete, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, nor knoweth Him, but you shall know Him, because He shall abide with you, and shall be in you.”

(John xiv, 15-17.)

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## How to Recite the Chaplet of the Holy Ghost

Since all your thoughts, words and deeds should be performed in the Name of the ever blessed Trinity and offered up in union with the merits of Jesus Crucified, you commence the Chaplet by making the Sign of the Cross devoutly.

Then follows a sincere Act of Contrition — for how can you pray and meditate in a befitting manner, how can you ask the Divine Spirit to come to you as long as you are attached to sin?

After this you recite the hymn "Come, Holy Ghost," by which you invite the Holy Spirit to take possession of your soul, enkindle within you the fire of His Divine love, fill you with His seven-fold grace. teach you what is right, give you strength to do it, guard you from your enemies and guide you safely under the shadow of His wing, until you come to a full knowledge (as far as lies in man) of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Read attentively the words of Sacred Scripture relating to the mystery. Reflect seriously upon them, and make suitable resolutions as suggested under the heading "Practice." While thus meditating, recite once the "Our Father" (the best of all prayers, taught us by Jesus Christ Himself), once the "Hail Mary" in honor of Mary Immaculate, and seven times the "Glory be to the Father" in order to thank the Most Holy Trinity for all the graces given you by the Holy Ghost, especially for His Seven Gifts.

You conclude with the "I believe," as a profession of Faith which the Apostles, illumined by the Holy Ghost, taught throughout the whole world, and which has been engrafted upon your soul by His Divine Operation.

Finally, you add an "Our Father," "Hail Mary," and "Glory be to the Father" for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff.

(The Chaplet owes its origin to a Capuchin Franciscan Friar, the late Fr. John Mary.)

### The Beads

To facilitate the recital of the Chaplet, a set of beads has been devised and its use is highly recommended. These beads need no special blessings, nor are they necessary for gaining the indulgences which are granted.

The first three beads are for the Sign of the Cross, the Act of Contrition, and the hymn "Come, Holy Ghost." On the two large beads say the "Our Father" and the "Hail Mary,"

and on each of the seven small beads the "Glory be to the Father." The two remaining large beads stand for the Apostles' Creed and the prayers for the Pope's intentions.

### **The Chaplet**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **A Short Act of Contrition**

O my God, I am sorry I sinned against Thee, because Thou art so good, and by the help of Thy grace I will not sin again.

### **The Hymn**

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator come,  
From Thy bright heavenly throne:  
Come, take possession of our souls,  
And make them all Thine own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,  
Best Gift of God above,  
The living spring, the living fire,  
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou, who art sevenfold in Thy grace,  
Finger of God's right hand,



His promise teaching little ones  
To speak and understand.

O guide our minds with Thy blest light,  
With love our hearts inflame,  
And, with Thy strength which ne'er  
    decays,  
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe,  
True peace unto us bring,  
And through all perils lead us safe  
Beneath Thy sacred wing.

Through Thee may we the Father know,  
Through Thee, the Eternal Son,  
And Thee, the Spirit of them both —  
Thrice blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,  
With His co-equal Son;  
The same to Thee, great Paraclete,  
While endless ages run. Amen.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they  
shall be created.

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of  
the earth.

*Let us Pray.*

“O God, who hast taught the hearts

of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

### The First Mystery

*By the Holy Ghost is Jesus conceived of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*The Meditation:* "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: and therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Luke I, 35.)

*The Practice:* Diligently implore the Divine Spirit, through Mary's intercession, for the grace to imitate the virtues of Jesus Christ, who is the Model of all virtues, so that you may be conformed to the image of the Son of God.

Our Father (once), Hail Mary (once), Glory be to the Father (seven times).

## The Second Mystery

*The Spirit of the Lord rested  
upon Jesus*

*The Meditation:* "Jesus, being baptised, came out of the water: and lo! the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and coming upon Him." (Matt. III, 16.)

*The Practice:* Hold in the highest esteem the priceless gift of sanctifying grace, infused into your soul by the Holy Ghost when you were baptised. Keep the promises which were then made on your behalf. Increase, by constant practice, the Gifts of Faith, Hope; and Charity. Live always in a manner befitting a child of God and a member of His true Church, so that you may obtain hereafter the inheritance of heaven.

Our Father (once), Hail Mary  
(once), Glory be to the Father  
(seven times).

## The Third Mystery

*By the Spirit is Jesus led into the desert.*

*The Meditation:* "Jesus, being full of the Holy Ghost, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the desert for the space of forty days, and was tempted by the devil." (Luke IV, 1-2.)

*The Practice:* Be ever grateful for the sevenfold gift of the Holy Ghost bestowed upon you in Confirmation, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, of Counsel and Fortitude, of Knowledge and Godliness, and of the Fear of the Lord. Be guided by Him always, so that, in all the trials and temptations of this life, you may act manfully, as becomes a perfect Christian and a valiant soldier of Jesus Christ.

Our Father (once), Hail Mary (once), Glory be to the Father (seven times).

## The Fourth Mystery

### *The Holy Ghost in the Church*

*The Meditation:* “Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting, and they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak the wonderful works of God.” (Acts II, 2, 4, 11.)

*The Practice:* Thank God for having made you a child of His Church, which is ever animated and directed by the Divine Spirit (who came for that very purpose on the day of Pentecost). Hear and obey the Holy See, the infallible mouth-piece of the Holy Ghost, and the Church, which is the pillar and ground of truth. Uphold her doctrines, seek her interests, defend her rights.

Our Father (once), Hail Mary  
(once), Glory be to the Father  
(seven times).

## The Fifth Mystery

*The Holy Ghost in the soul of the just man.*

*The Meditation:* “Know you not that your members are the temple of the Holy Ghost, who is in you? (I Cor. VI, 19.) “Extinguish not the Spirit” (I Thess. V, 19.) “and grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you are sealed unto the day of redemption.” (Eph. IV, 30)

*The Practice:* Be mindful of the Holy Ghost who is within you, and carefully cultivate purity of soul and body. Be faithful to His divine inspirations, so that you may bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit — Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Benignity, Goodness, Long-suffering, Mildness, Faith, Modesty, Continency, Chastity.

Our Father (once), Hail Mary (once), Glory be to the Father (seven times).

Recite the “I believe,” as a profession of Faith, and conclude with one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, in his Brief of March 24th, 1902, granted to those who recite the chaplet of the Holy Ghost the following indulgences:

I. An indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines on any day of the year to all the faithful who, with piety and a contrite heart, shall recite either publicly or privately the aforesaid Chaplet of the Holy Ghost.

II. A Plenary Indulgence on the Feast of Pentecost or any day within its Octave to those who recite the Chaplet habitually. (N.B. For this indulgence there are required Confession, Communion, visit to a public Church or Oratory with prayers for the Pope's intentions.)

III. Both the above Indulgences may be applied to the souls in Purgatory.

N. B. Besides the beads for the Chaplet, there has been devised a Scapular of the Holy Ghost, which is useful for fostering piety and stimulating fervor. This Scapular, approved by Pope Benedict XV (December 30, 1920) is not, however, of obligation, and does not re-

quire any blessing but a simple one with the Sign of the Cross, which can be imparted by any priest.

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## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a Sacrament in which the Holy Ghost sets a seal upon our soul for the second time. The purpose of this Sacrament is to make us perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ. To ensure this effect, we must in the first place receive the Sacrament as worthily as possible; secondly we must strive to keep the grace we have received by praying often, doing good works, and living according to the laws of Jesus Christ, without human respect. Recite the Chaplet of the Holy Ghost as a preparation for this great Sacrament.

### **Prayer on the Anniversary of Confirmation**

(May also be used frequently during the year.)

Thanks be to Thee, O my God, for all Thy goodness, and especially for the



love Thou didst show me on the day of my Confirmation.

I give Thee thanks that Thou didst send down Thy Holy Spirit into my soul with all His Gifts and graces. Oh! may He take full possession of me for ever and ever! May His divine unction cause my face to shine, may His heavenly Wisdom reign in my heart, His Understanding enlighten my darkness, His Counsel guide me, His Fortitude strengthen me, His Knowledge instruct me, His Piety make me fervent, His divine Fear keep me from all evil!

Drive from my soul, O Lord, all that would defile me. Give me grace to be Thy faithful soldier, so that, having fought the good fight of Faith, I may be brought to the crown of everlasting life: through the merits of Thy dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Praises in Honor of God the Holy  
Ghost, the Paraclete**

Blessed be God the Father of Heaven!  
Blessed be God the Son, Redeemer of  
the World!

Blessed be God the Holy Ghost, the  
Sanctifier!

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God!  
Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Lord  
and Life-Giver!

Blessed be the Substantial Love of the  
Father and the Son!

Blessed be the Fire of His Divine  
Love!

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Para-  
clete!

Blessed be the Teacher of all Truth!  
Blessed be the Regenerating Spirit  
which shall renew the face of the  
Earth!

Blessed be the Divine Spouse of Mary!  
Blessed be the Immaculate Spouse of  
the Holy Ghost, the Virgin Mother  
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus  
Christ!

### **Veni, Creator Spiritus**

Veni, Creator Spiritus,  
Mentes tuorum visita,  
Imple superna gratia,  
Quae tu creasti pectora,

Qui diceris Paraclitus,  
 Altissimi donum Dei,  
 Fons vivus, ignis caritas,  
 Et spiritalis unctio.

Tu septiformis munere,  
 Digitus paternae dexteræ,  
 Tu rite promissum Patris,  
 Sermone ditans guttura.

Accende lumen sensibus:  
 Infunde amorem cordibus:  
 Infirma nostri corporis,  
 Virtute firmans perpeti.

Hostem repellas longius,  
 Pacemque dones protinus:  
 Ductore sic te praevio,  
 Vitemus omne noxium.

Per te sciamus da Patrem,  
 Noscamus atque Filium  
 Teque utriusque Spiritum  
 Credamus omni tempore.

Deo Patri sit gloria,  
 Et Filio, qui a mortuis  
 Surrexit, ac Paraclito,  
 In saeculorum saecula. Amen.

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**Come, Holy Ghost, Send Down  
Those Beams**

Come, Holy Ghost, send down those  
beams,

Which sweetly flow in silent streams,  
From Thy bright throne above.

Oh! come, Thou Father of the poor;  
Oh! come, Thou source of all our store,  
Come, fill our hearts with love.

O Thou of Comforters the best;  
O Thou, the soul's delightful guest.  
The pilgrims' sweet relief.

Thou art true rest in toil and sweat,  
Refreshment in th' excess of heat,  
And solace in our grief.

Thrice-blessed light, shoot home Thy  
darts,

And pierce the center of those hearts  
Whose faith aspires to Thee;  
Without Thy Godhead nothing can  
Have any price or worth in man,  
Nothing can harmless be.

Lord, wash our sinful stains away,  
Refresh from heaven our barren clay,  
Our wounds and bruises heal;

To Thy sweet yoke our stiff necks bow,  
 Warm with Thy fire our hearts of snow,  
 Our wand'ring feet repeal.

Grant to Thy faithful, dearest Lord,  
 Whose only hope is Thy sure word,  
 The seven gifts of Thy Spirit;  
 Grant us in life Thy helping grace,  
 Grant us in death to see Thy face,  
 And endless joy inherit.

**Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi for the  
 Gift of the Divine Spirit**

O Almighty and Eternal God, most  
 Just and Merciful, grant to us miser-  
 able creatures Thy grace, that we may  
 always do what we know to be Thy will,  
 and always will what Thou willest,  
 that, thus purified and enlightened in-  
 teriorly, and inflamed with the fire of  
 Thy Holy Spirit, we may follow in the  
 footsteps of Thy Beloved Son, Jesus  
 Christ, and thus arrive at the posses-  
 sion of Thee, who livest and reignest,  
 one God, world without end! Amen.

**Daily Act of Consecration to the  
 Holy Ghost**

O Holy Spirit, Divine Spirit of Light  
 and Love, I consecrate to Thee my

mind and heart, and will — my whole being for time and eternity. May my mind be ever docile to Thy Divine Inspirations, and the teaching of the Holy Catholic Church, whose Infallible Guide Thou art; my heart ever inflamed with love of God and my neighbor; my will ever conformable to the Divine Will; and my whole life a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to whom, with the Father and Thee, be honor and glory for ever. Amen.

(300 days Indulgence once a day. — Pope Pius X, June 1, 1908).

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### Short Litany of the Holy Ghost

(For private use only)

Lord have mercy on us.

*Lord have mercy on us.*

Christ have mercy on us.

*Christ have mercy on us.*

Lord have mercy on us.

*Lord have mercy on us.*

Christ hear us.

*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, Who proceedeth from  
 the Father and the Son.

Promise of the Father, most loving  
 and most bounteous.

Gift of the Most High God.

Source of living water.

Consuming Fire.

Burning Love.

Author of all good.

Spiritual Unction.

Spirit of Truth and Power.

Spirit of Wisdom and of Under-  
 standing.

Spirit of Counsel and of Fortitude.

Spirit of Knowledge and of Piety.

Spirit of the Fear of the Lord.

Spirit of compunction and penance.

Spirit of grace and of prayer.

Spirit of charity, peace, and joy.

Spirit of patience, longanimity and  
 goodness.

Spirit of benignity, mildness and  
 fidelity.

Spirit of modesty, continence and  
 chastity.

*Have mercy on us.*

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,  
 By Whose inspiration spake the holy  
     men of God.  
 Who didst overshadow Mary.  
 Who didst co-operate in the miracu-  
     lous conception of the Son of God.  
 Who didst descend upon Him at His  
     baptism.  
 Who, on the day of Pentecost didst  
     appear in fiery tongues upon the  
     disciples of the Lord.  
 By Whom we are also born again.  
 Who dwellest in us.  
 Who governest the Church.  
 Who fillest the whole world.  
 Holy Ghost, *we beseech Thee to hear us.*  
 That Thou wouldst renew the face of  
     the earth.  
 That Thou wouldst shed abroad Thy  
     light in our hearts.  
 That Thou wouldst write Thy law in  
     our hearts.  
 That Thou wouldst inflame them  
     with the fire of Thy love.

Have mercy on us.



That Thou wouldst open to us the  
treasures of Thy grace.

That Thou wouldst teach us to ask  
for them according to Thy Will.

That Thou wouldst help us to love  
and bear with each other.

That Thou wouldst lead us in the  
way of Thy commandments.

That Thou wouldst make us obedient  
to Thy inspirations.

That Thou wouldst teach us to pray,  
and Thyself pray with us.

That Thou wouldst clothe us with  
love and compassion towards  
our brethren.

That Thou wouldst inspire us with  
a horror of evil.

That Thou wouldst direct us in the  
practice of good.

That Thou wouldst give us the grace  
of all virtues.

That Thou wouldst cause us to pre-  
serve in justice.

That Thou wouldst be Thyself our  
everlasting reward.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins  
of the world, Spare us, *O Lord*.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins

*We beseech Thee to hear us.*

of the world, *Graciously hear us,*  
*O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins  
of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

V. Create in us a clean heart, O God.

R. And renew a right spirit within us.

*Let us Pray*

O Holy Spirit, Creator, mercifully  
aid Thy Holy Catholic Church, and by  
Thy Divine assistance strengthen and  
confirm it against all assaults of the  
enemy; by Thy love and grace renew  
the spirits of Thy servants whom Thou  
hast anointed, that in Thee they may  
glorify the Father and His only be-  
gotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## NOVENA FOR THE REUNION OF CHRISTENDOM

For this Novena, the chief object of  
which is to promote the reunion of  
those who have fallen away from the  
Catholic Church either by heresy or by  
schism, any approved form of prayer  
may be used — e.g., “The Chaplet of  
the Holy Ghost” (see page 12); the

hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator come," the Sequence used in the Mass at Pentecost (see page 12); or the "Our Father" — the "Hail Mary" — the "Glory be" — seven times. If possible one should receive Holy Communion on Whit-Sunday for the Re-union of Christendom. (Plen. Indulg. on usual conditions).

Pope Leo XIII writes:

"We decree and command that throughout the Catholic Church this year, and every subsequent year, a Novena shall take place before Whit-Sunday in all parish churches." —

Encyc., May 9, 1897.

## CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

(January 18-25)

*Originated by the Friars of the Atonement, approved and blessed by Pope Pius X in 1909, its observance, enriched with indulgences, was extended to the Universal Church by Pope Benedict XV, in 1916.*

## Daily Prayers

(200 days ind. each day of Octave.)

*Ant.* That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent Me. (Jn. xvii).

V. I say unto thee, that thou art Peter;

R. And upon this Rock I will build my Church.

*Let us pray*

O Lord Jesus Christ; who saidst unto thine Apostles: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; look not upon our sins, but the faith of thy Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to thy will: who livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

(Plen. Ind. on first or last day of Octave on usual conditions.)

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## NOVENA FOR TIME OF AFFLICTION OR NEED

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Psalm 69*

## I

O God, come to my assistance, O Lord  
make haste to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed  
that seek my soul.

Let them be turned backwards, and  
blush for shame that wish me evil.

Let them be presently turned away,  
blushing for shame, that say to me:  
'tis well, 'tis well.

Let all that seek Thee rejoice, and be  
glad in Thee: and let such as love  
Thy salvation say always: The Lord  
be magnified.

But I am needy and poor: O God help  
me. Thou art my helper and my  
deliverer: O Lord make no delay.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. Save Thy servant.

R. Who hopeth in Thee, O my God.

V. Let not the enemy prevail against us;

R. Nor the son of iniquity approach to  
hurt us.

V. O Lord hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

*Prayer*

O God the Holy Ghost, Divine Paraclete! to Thee I come in my present trouble and deep distress. My Lord and my God, if it be possible and pleasing to Thee, take this chalice of suffering from me. Yet not my will, but Thine be done.

## II.

O my Divine Paraclete, sent to me by Jesus from the Eternal Father, in the name of the self-same Jesus my Saviour, I most humbly and ardently implore Thee to come to my assistance.

I am miserable and bowed down even to the end; I walked sorrowful all the day long.

Help me, O Divine Paraclete! help me.

Lord, all my desire is before Thee; and my groaning is not hidden from Thee.

Help me, O Divine Paraclete! help me.

My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me; and the light of mine eyes itself is not with me.

Help me, O Divine Paraclete! help me.

In my doubts and difficulties am I distracted. In my long hours of loneli-

ness and pain I am so weary, but do Thou, O Lord, make haste to help me.

Help me, O Divine Paraclete! help me.

In Thee, O Lord have I hoped, let me not be confounded. O Lord my God! not my will, but Thine be done. Amen.

Mother of God, Spouse of the Holy Ghost! pray for me.

*(Conclude by reciting "Glory be" seven times).*

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## NOVENA OF THANKSGIVING

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

### I.

What shall I render to the Lord, for all the things He has rendered to me?

I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord before all His people.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

### II.

O praise the Lord, all ye Nations; praise Him all ye people.

For His mercy is confirmed upon us;

and the truth of the Lord remaineth forever.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

### III.

The Lord is merciful and just, and our God showeth mercy.

The Lord is the Keeper of little ones; I was humbled and He delivered me.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

### IV.

Turn O my soul into thy rest; for the Lord hath been bountiful to thee.

For He hath delivered my soul from death; my eyes from tears; my feet from falling.

I will please the Lord in the land of the living.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

### V.

In my trouble I called upon the Lord; and the Lord hath heard me.

The Lord is my helper; I will not fear what man can do unto me.

It is good to trust in the Lord, rather than to trust in princes.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

### VI.

O, how I loved Thy law, O Lord, it is



my meditation all the day!

Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my paths.

Thou art my Helper and my Protector, in Thy word I have exceedingly hoped.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

### VII.

O Lord, my God, Thou art exceedingly great.

Thou shalt send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created; and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

*(Mass should be offered or heard, Holy Communion should be received also, and alms should be given to the poor).*

“Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.”

(100 days Indulgence each time. — Pope Benedict XV.)

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NOVENA IN REPARATION TO  
THE HOLY GHOST

**The Holy Ghost is: —**

*Defrauded* by those who lie to Him by word and deed;

*Despised* by those who presume on salvation rejecting His graces;

*Distrusted* by those who despair of His almighty power, love, and mercy;

*Resisted* by those who reject the known truth of His divine revelation;

*Insulted* by those who dare to censure His “dividing to everyone as He will.”

*Deserted* by those who, leading a life of sin, obstinately refuse His kind invitation.

*Abandoned* by those who depart this life in final impenitence.

Strive from time to time, therefore, to make reparation for the sins that are constantly committed against the Holy Ghost. Remember, however, that there can be no reparation without correcting the evils caused.

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer*

O God the Holy Ghost, Divine Spirit of Love, Mercy and Truth!

Prostrate in Thy Adorable Presence, I adore Thee, I bless Thee, and I thank Thee for all Thy mercies and graces, both to me as well as to the whole world.

It pains me to think that there are men who directly oppose Thee and grieve Thee.

Yet I, too, have at times offended Thee by my sins. I now implore Thy mercy and forgiveness; and I promise with the help of Thy grace, never to offend Thee again, and to avoid all wilful occasions of sin.

In reparation for all who lie unto Thee;

In reparation for all who offend Thee;

by the sin of presumption;

by the sin of despair;

by resisting the known truth;

by envying another's spiritual good;

by living obstinately in sin;

by the sin of final impenitence;

O God the Holy Ghost, I offer Thee the Infinite Merits of Jesus.

And I long to praise, bless, and glorify Thee, in union with the Sacred Heart of my Jesus, and to repair, by my fervor and zeal in Thy Divine Service, the insults and injuries offered to Thy Divine Majesty!

Mayest Thou, O God the Holy Ghost! Infinite Love of the Father and the Eternal Son, everywhere be more known, praised, adored and loved by all men, now and forever. Amen.

(Hear Mass and receive Holy Communion in Reparation. Make this Novena several times in the year.)

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Members of the Pious Union share in all the prayers and good works of the Capuchin Order and its missions. They obligate themselves in nothing in a financial way; but only to practice and spread devotion to the Holy Ghost.

## *Prayer to the Holy Ghost*

(St. Alphonsus)

O Most Holy Spirit, the Paracleté, Father of the poor, Comforter of the afflicted, Light of hearts, Sanctifier of souls, behold me prostrate in Thy Presence.

I **adore Thee** with the most profound homage, I bless Thee a thousand times, and with the Seraphim, who stand before Thy Throne, I also cry: Holy, Holy, Holy!

I firmly **believe** that Thou art eternal, consubstantial with the Father and the Divine Son.

I **hope** in Thy goodness, that Thou wilt deign to sanctify and save my soul.

I **love** Thee, O Divine Love, with all my affections, above all things, because Thou art Infinite Goodness, alone worthy of all love.

And since in my ingratitude and blindness to Thy holy inspirations, I have so often offended Thee by my sins, with tears in my eyes I **beg Thy pardon** a thousand times, and **am sorry** for having offended Thee, the Sovereign Good, more than for any other evil.

I offer Thee this cold heart of mine, and I pray Thee to pierce it with a ray of Thy light, and a spark of Thy fire which **shall melt** its coldness.

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Divine Spirit of Truth, teach me to know Thee.  
Sweet Spirit of Love, urge me to love Thee.  
Mother of God, Spouse of the Holy Ghost,  
pray for us.

## *Act of Oblation to the Holy Ghost*



On my knees, before the great cloud of witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body, 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 am. 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. and watch for Thy light, and follow Thy gracious inspirations. I cling to Thee, and give myself to Thee, and ask Thee by Thy compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus, and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting to 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. Give me grace, O Holy Ghost, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to Thee, always and everywhere: "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth."



