

CENACLE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRAYER BOOK



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Abbreviations used

P. Priest / leader of prayer

C. Congregation

A. All together

SEQUENCE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From Thy clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, Thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure,
Come, Thou Light of all that live.

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful Guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet,
Pleasant coolness in the heat,
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, Light divine,
Visit Thou these hearts of Thine,
And our inmost being fill.

If Thou take Thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds; our strength renew;
On our dryness pour Thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away.

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

Thou, on those who evermore,
Thee confess and Thee adore,
In Thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give them comfort when they die,
Give them life with Thee on high;
Give them joys that never end.

P. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

C. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth

P. Let us pray

C. Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who regenerated us by water and Holy Spirit, freeing us from sin, infuse in us Your Spirit, the Paraclete: Spirit of wisdom and understanding, Spirit of counsel and strength, Spirit of knowledge and piety, and fill us with the Spirit of your holy fear. We ask you this through Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come,
From thy bright heavenly throne
Come, take possession of our souls,
And make them all thy 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 the 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.

P. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

C. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth

P. Let us pray

C. O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful by light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be truly wise and always rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVOCATIONS TO MARY MOST HOLY

- P.** O most pure Virgin Mary, who in your Immaculate Conception, was formed by the Holy Spirit into the ***chosen Tabernacle*** of the Divinity, pray for us!
- C.** *And grant that the divine Paraclete will come soon to renew the face of the earth! Hail Mary...*
- P.** O most pure Virgin Mary, who in the mystery of the Incarnation, were made by the Holy Spirit ***true Mother of God***, pray for us!
- C.** *And grant that the divine Paraclete will come soon to renew the face of the earth! Hail Mary...*
- P.** *O most pure Virgin Mary, who while in prayer with the Apostles in the Cenacle were abundantly filled with the Holy Spirit, pray for us!*
- C.** And grant that the divine Paraclete will come soon to renew the face of the earth! Hail Mary...
- A.** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love!
Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.
And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth
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HYMN TO OUR LADY

Hail Mary full of Grace
The Lord is with Thee,
Blessed are thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Chorus:
Gentle woman, quiet light,
morning star, so strong and bright,
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
Teach us wisdom, teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father,
You were chosen for the Son
You were chosen from all women,
And for women, shining one. Chorus:

Blessed are you, among women.
Blest in turn all women too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.
Blessed they with gentle hearts. Chorus

PRAYER TO IMPORE THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. Eternal Father, in the name of Jesus Christ and through the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, send us the Holy Spirit.

<i>P.</i> Come, Holy Spirit, Come, Father of the poor, Come, Author of all good, Come, Light of minds, Come, Consoler of souls, Come, sweet Guest of hearts, Come, true Refreshment of my life,	<i>C.</i> into my heart and sanctify it. and bring me relief. and console me. and enlighten me. and comfort me. and do not depart from me. and restore me.
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Glory be... (x3)

A. Holy Spirit, eternal Love, Come to us with your ardour, come, and inflame our hearts.

A. Eternal Father, in the name of Jesus Christ and through the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, send us the Holy Spirit.

<i>P.</i> Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,	<i>C.</i> God of infinite charity, ignite in us your holy love. God of all virtues, convert us. Fountain of heavenly lights, dispel our ignorance. God of infinite purity, sanctify our soul. God of all happiness, unite yourself to our heart. who dwell in my soul, transform us and make us all yours. substantial Love of the Father and the Son, always dwell in our heart.
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Glory be... (x3)

A. Holy Spirit, eternal Love, Come to us with your ardour, come, and inflame our hearts.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFTS AND FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. We thank you, O Holy Spirit ; for the gifts and fruits you infused in us at our Baptism and strengthened in us at our Confirmation

<i>P.</i> O Holy Spirit, O Holy Spirit, O Holy Spirit, O Holy Spirit, O Holy Spirit, O Holy Spirit, O Holy Spirit, O Holy Spirit, O Holy Spirit, O Holy Spirit,	<i>C.</i> Thank you for the gift of Wisdom. Thank you for the gift of Understanding. Thank you for the gift of Counsel. Thank you for the gift of Fortitude. Thank you for the gift of Knowledge. Thank you for the gift of Piety. Thank you for the gift of the Fear of the Lord. Thank you for the fruit of Love Thank you for the fruit of Joy Thank you for the fruit of Peace
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<i>P.</i> O Holy Spirit,	<i>C.</i> Thank you for the fruit of Patience
O Holy Spirit,	Thank you for the fruit of Kindness
O Holy Spirit,	Thank you for the fruit of Goodness
O Holy Spirit,	Thank you for the fruit of Generosity
O Holy Spirit,	Thank you for the fruit of Gentleness
O Holy Spirit,	Thank you for the fruit of Faithfulness
O Holy Spirit,	Thank you for the fruit of Modesty
O Holy Spirit,	Thank you for the fruit of Self-control
O Holy Spirit,	Thank you for the fruit of Chastity

Glory be... (x3)

A. Holy Spirit, eternal Love, Come to us with your ardour, come, and inflame our hearts.

We take a few moments of quiet to reflect on our individual needs at this time. For those who wish to vocalise their need may do so with this prayer :

A. "O Holy Spirit, give me today the particular gift(s).....
and the fruit(s) of Thank you.

A. Father we ask that You renew us with the gifts and fruits of your Holy Spirit that, filled with the power of His Sacred Flame, we may live our lives to the glory of your name and help renew the face of the earth. This we ask in the name of Christ, your Son. Amen

PRAYER

Breath on me O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart , O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.

(By St Augustine of Hippo)

HYMN

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us

THE ROSARY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

People use red beads with seven decades, for the Rosary of the Holy Spirit.

P. God come to my assistance.

C. Lord make haste to help me

P. Glory be to the Father...

C. As it was in the beginning

THE CREED

*A. I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen*

We say Our Father, 3 Hail Marys and Glory be, so that the Holy Spirit may enlighten and guide the Holy Father and all the Bishops and Priests in their pastoral ministry.

A. Come, Holy Spirit, Love of the Father and of the Son, Soul of my soul, my consoler come, I adore you! Give rise to many and faithful Disciples, Religious and laity that are consecrated to you, transform them all into pious and zealous Apostles and the face of the earth will be renewed!

<i>Daughter of the Father,</i>	<i>pray for us</i>
<i>Mother of Christ,</i>	<i>pray for us</i>
<i>Spouse of the Holy Spirit,</i>	<i>pray for us</i>
<i>Fr David de Angelis M.C.Br.,</i>	<i>pray for us.</i>
<i>Mother Carolina Ventuerella,</i>	<i>pray for us.</i>
<i>Saint Maryam of Bethlehem,</i>	<i>pray for us.</i>
<i>Saint Elena Guerra,</i>	<i>pray for us.</i>
<i>Blessed Fr Maria-Eugene</i>	<i>pray for us</i>
<i>All Martyrs for the faith</i>	<i>pray for us</i>
<i>All holy Angels and Saints of God</i>	<i>pray for us</i>

The mystery is announced and everybody meditates on it for some minutes, or a passage of the Scripture is read.

Our Father and Hail Mary...

P. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. (x7)

C. And enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Glory be... After the Glory be in each mystery pray this prayer :

A. *Glory, adoration, blessing, love to You, Divine Eternal Spirit,
who have sent on earth the Saviour of our souls.*

And glory and honour to his most adorable Heart who loves us with an infinite Love!

THE MYSTERIES

1. Jesus is conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. (Mt.1:18-25)
2. Jesus is consecrated as the Messiah by the Holy Spirit in the Jordan. (Lk. 3:21- 22; Jn.1:29-34; Acts 10:37-38)
3. Jesus dies on the Cross to take away the sins of the world, and gives the Holy Spirit. (Jn.19:28-30)
4. The Risen Jesus gives the Apostles the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins. (Jn 20:19-23)
5. At Pentecost, the Father and Jesus pour out the Holy Spirit; the Church, thus empowered, opens itself to its mission in the world. (Act. 2:1-6 ; Act. 2:29-36)
6. For the first time, the Holy Spirit descends upon the Gentiles. (Acts 10:44-48)
7. The Holy Spirit guides the Church at all times, giving it His gifts and charisms (1 Cor. 12:4-11 ; 1 Cor 12; Jn. 16:12-15; Jn 17:20-23)

You may follow the Rosary with the Litany and the Act of self-giving and consecration to the Holy Spirit.

Bring to the Lord our prayer intentions, vocal or in the silence of our heart.

THE LITANY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

P.

Lord,
Christ,
Lord,
Father all Powerful,
Jesus, eternal Son of the Father and Redeemer of the world
Spirit of the Father and of the Son, you merge both lives,
Most Holy Trinity, One God,
Holy Spirit, you proceed from the Father and the Son,
Holy Spirit, you are equal to the Father and the Son,
Promise of God the Father,
Ray of light from heaven,
Author of every good,
Source of living water,
Consuming fire,
Spiritual unction,
Spirit of love and truth,
Spirit of wisdom and knowledge,
Spirit of counsel and fortitude,
Spirit of intellect and piety,
Spirit of fear of the Lord,
Spirit of grace and prayer,
Spirit of peace and meekness,
Spirit of modesty and innocence,
Comforting spirit,
Sanctifying spirit,
Spirit governing the Church
Gift of God most high,
Spirit, you fill the universe,
Spirit of adoption of the sons of God,

C.

have mercy on us!
have mercy on us!
have mercy on us!
have mercy on us!
save us!
sanctify us!
hear us!
come into our hearts!
come into our hearts!
come into our hearts!
come into our hearts!
come into our hearts!
come into our hearts!
come into our hearts!
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Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit,

C.

instil in us the horror of sin.
come and renew the face of the earth.
fill our soul with your light.
impress your law in our hearts.
in flame us with the fire of your love.
pour into us the treasure of your graces.
teach us how to pray well.
enlighten us with your divine inspirations
lead us along the way of salvation.
help us to know the only necessary things.
inspire us in the practice of good.
grant us the merit of all virtues.
help us to persevere in righteousness.
be our eternal reward.

Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,

Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world

*Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,*

send us your Spirit!

fill our souls with the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

give us the Spirit of wisdom and piety!

P. Send your Spirit for a new creation!

C. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

A. Let us pray - O God, in the mystery of Pentecost you sanctify your Church among all peoples and nations: pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the remotest ends of the earth, and continue in our days, in the community of believers, the marvels you worked in the beginning of the preaching of the Gospel. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

A. 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 to accept
all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know Your Will.

(This submission to the Holy Spirit – composed by Cardinal Mercier – is the secret of sanctity).

Note by Cardinal Mercier regarding his prayer to the Holy Spirit.

I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness. Every day for five minutes control your imagination and close your eyes to all the noise of the world in order to enter into yourself. Then, in the sanctuary of your baptised soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit) speak to that Divine Spirit, saying to Him (his prayer above). 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 the 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.

ACT OF SELF-GIVING AND CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. O Holy Spirit,
Spirit of Jesus and of the Father,
You desire to live in me,
poor sinner and transform me into a temple of your glory.
Come, Spirit of Divine Communion, come fill my whole being.
Come and join me to Jesus crucified and risen,
so that all my brethren and I may be one Body with Him,
and be with Him a beloved child of the Father.
You gave yourself to me without measure
so I humbly give and consecrate myself to you.
Make me docile in your action so that you may fulfil your Mission in me,
In the Church and in the world, now and until the time
when I shall commit myself together with You into the hands
of the Father, Like Jesus, forever and ever. Together with Mary
and all Saints I beg You to grant this prayer. Amen.
Alleluia!

Pray the Angelus

Sing a Hymn of Praise and Thanksgiving

NOVENA & SUPPORTING INFORMATION

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Holy Spirit, **gift of God to my soul**, I am astonished by the interior feelings and admiration I have thinking of you. Nothing expresses the inner happiness I feel knowing you, the most sweet guest of my soul and Divine life within me. The soul is flooded with silent, loving and delightful contemplation of you.

You amaze me: your beauty is stupendous beyond anything the mind can imagine, your riches of grace: gifts, virtues and beatitudes are inexhaustible.

Your tender goodness induces you to dwell in me. You have everything, your riches can do everything and you want to give me everything. How I admire you, despite my misery which renders me the least of all on earth. I bless you, I adore you, I thank you and I ask you for everything. Give me everything O Holy Spirit.

Glory be...

2 Spirit of the Lord and **Heavenly Giver of Gifts**, with my deepest humility, but also with all the strength of my ardent desires, I ask you to give me your holy gifts, especially wisdom and piety.

Let these gifts grow in me to their complete development, so that my soul may be docile and obedient to you, interior Master, and so that I may always live by your gifts and in the sweet and intimate contemplation of you and of the whole Holy Trinity.

Glory be...

3 Holy Spirit, **interior Master and sanctifier**, I ask you, with untiring persistence, to teach my intellect all truth, to speak to my heart, You would like to sanctify me, caring for my soul, as you cared for that of our Lady, your Immaculate Spouse, of the Martyr and the Saints.

I am eager for holiness: not for me, but to give glory to You, Master of masters, glory of the Holy Trinity, splendour of the Church, example to all the faithful.

There is no better way to be a true apostle than by being saints, because without holiness, we can do very little. Holy Spirit, listen to my prayer and fulfil my ardent desires.

Glory be...

4 Holy Spirit, truth and blessed light, I feel deep bitterness that you are almost completely unknown or forgotten by a great many of us.

We don't think about You at all, distracted as we are by many worries, absorbed by the spirit of the world, careless and not concerned about your kindness and thoughtfulness. What ungratefulness! Most of this fault is our own as we don't live this truth and do not speak about it to souls.

Holy Spirit, accept my poor sentiments in atonement for so much deplorable omission, and as a request for great light for me, for the Priests, and for the faithful.

Glory be...

5 Holy Spirit, love and suavity of the Father and the Son, flower and perfume of God's holiness - divine fire lit in me - make my heart completely new. Remove every stain and darkness, burn up every impurity, and conform me to the image of the divine Son.

Spirit of fire, who deign to dwell in me personally to sanctify me, ignite in me this fire of love. Penetrate and invest my entire soul with your flame and dispel every disordered attachment. Move me to apostolic conquest and grant me the grace to be a flame, a blaze of pure and eternal love.

Glory be...

6 Spirit of fortitude, who gave the martyrs the strength to die gladly for the cause of Christ the Lord, infuse in me this divine gift with all its intensity.

Stir me from my torpor and my indolence. Make me strong in undertaking all that the Lord asks me without regard for the sacrifices and toils involved. May this be for your glory and for the spiritual and material benefit of everyone.

Give me the strength to continue with ardour, without tiring and without abandoning what I have begun.

Give me courage and zeal in defending the Church, proclaiming the integrity of Faith and true obedience to the Pope and Bishops before everyone.

Increase supernatural strength in my apostolate; may I persevere to the end, even to martyrdom of the body and soul. Divine Spirit, envelop me with your omnipotence, sustain me by your vigour, and wrap me with your invincible strength.

Glory be....

7. Spirit of truth and light, O flame of most blessed warm light, dispel the shadows of error and doubt from my mind.

Shine perfect clarity into the deepest part of my soul. May I walk in your splendour by always rejecting error and adhering to the truth in accordance with the teaching of the Church.

Invested with your holy light, may I always remain in your truth and in pure clarity.

Glory be...

8 Purifying Spirit, purify me from every stain. Sanctify me and grant me the virtue of Jesus, the same intentions and inner disposition of him.
Let there be in me the same Spirit of Jesus.

Sanctify me and grant me the virtues, intentions and inner dispositions of Jesus. Let the Spirit of Jesus be in me. Give me the same love sight which the Father loves his divine Son, and let me feel as the Father feels toward his most loved and dearest Son, Jesus.

Glory be...

9 Holy Spirit, illumine my mind with the lights I need to lovingly strengthen my weak will and to support others who request help from me.

Sanctifying Divinity, lead me to the highest holiness, through the continuous and patient work that is docile to your kindness.

You are Holiness, and I must let you live in me, favouring your work of perfection.

Renewing Divinity, renew everything, dispel every evil, every danger, every malice, make everything new in me, everything pure, everything holy.

Vivifying Divinity, Soul of my soul, give me strength to bear witness to and always glorify the divine Son with you. May I live for His glory and die in His love. Giving Divinity, give me your gifts to contemplate God in the light of His mysteries, understand the true value of life and of things, and love everyone with pure charity, as if I were already in heaven. Thank you! Amen.

Glory be

THE HOLY SPIRIT SHOULD BE BETTER KNOWN, LOVED AND GLORIFIED

Why Pray to the Holy Spirit? Here are some passages of the great message communicated by Jesus to a beloved soul of His for the salvation and sanctification of the World. They are taken from the book “Divine Power of Love”.

10-11-1965 Why doesn't the Church, my Spouse, honour the Holy Spirit with a more solemn, fervent and practical cult among the faithful?

11-11-1965 Make yourself interpreter of my designs: I wish that the Church, mother and teacher of all believers, emphasizes the action of the Holy Spirit, Spirit of life, of truth, of justice, of love

2-4-1966 Listen to the voice of your beloved Lord: the cult I request to fully glorify the Holy Spirit shall not be separated from the one due to my Sacred Heart... therefore it shall not be at all a new cult... However what I ask is that my Church gives prominence to the sanctifying action of the Holy Spirit in souls... let them speak more about Him... let them make Him known... let souls understand that without this Divine Spirit it is impossible to do anything that can please the Sanctity of God three times Holy. Let them inculcate in souls a burning and confident love... let Him be invoked... let them make Him the intimate friend of every moment, because only He is the inspirer of all good. Only He transforms souls... Sanctifies hearts. He can lead humanity to salvation in this sad time

3-6-1966 From Loreto a new light will spring forth to radiate the whole earth... and bring anew warmth into the hearts of men...in the glorification of the Holy Spirit

5-8-1966 The world of today needs this new Pentecost... so that souls will feel shaken, enlightened and strengthened for a Christian life's revival... of a life that will lead them faster to salvation and holiness. Oh how much the salvation of souls is on my heart! It is a exigency which I cannot renounce

7-12-1966 The attribute that will mostly make inroads in presenting this new appeal of my Heart, in honor of the Holy Spirit, will be that which is most glorious to Him: that is, “Divine Power of Love.” Do you understand? Divine Power, but Power of Love

10-12-1966 It is only right that where my Most Holy Mother is devoutly honoured in the mystery of the first moment of my Incarnation as Word of the Father, the Eternal Divine Spirit also be honoured, He who was its ineffable Maker...

24-12-1971 The Holy Spirit, Spirit of the eternal Love of the Father and the Son, will descend and take permanent dwelling in that Sacred Temple to give light and grace to all those who visit it, and it will become a centre of irradiation of the cult due to Him

1-6-1972 This is therefore the whole purpose of the Work: the glorification of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, precisely for this purpose it began, grew, and is successfully developing

28-10-1974 Get the land and start the construction of the Temple

30-11-1974 The Resources will never be lacking, because, being the Work of God, it will always be assisted and strengthened by the Power on High

20-5-1988 It is really my desire that this Temple be built, so that it can become a point of attraction for people's hearts and a Monument of praise and of glory to God from the second Millennium to the third!

21-5-1988 At the touch of my grace everything will arrive at its fulfilment... and this Work too will be erected... and the Temple too... yes, the Temple will be built too... and I will dwell in it in a very special way, so that it can become throughout future ages a centre of attraction and of Irradiation for the salvation of very many souls and of the Society!

23-5-1988 This my Temple [...] will be throughout the centuries of history, the memorial monument of the end of the Second Millennium to the Third. It will be established as a sign of light, of consolation and attraction for the salvation of souls in honour of the Holy Church of the true God, and to the glory and honour of the eternal Divine Spirit for ever and ever

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

aims to put in place all the means to:

- make the faithful **know, love and glorify** the Holy Spirit;
- promote a **more solemn, ardent and practical worship** of the Holy Spirit in the Church
- **give prominence to the action of the Holy Spirit in giving life and love, truth and justice** to souls and society.

The Work includes the lay Association “Divine Power of Love” which is canonically established by the Bishop of Palestrina (Rome) and composed of the faithful: men and women in their secular state of life who testify as Disciples and Apostles of the Holy Spirit, and of Religious Families, of men and women, also established canonically who live in their respective religious Houses of Palestrina.

They are souls who promptly welcome the call of the Lord and devote themselves to the Divine Power of Love. They obey the voice of Jesus: “*I will inspire souls with so much good will that they will guide the Work along the paths of my designs.*” (11-12-1974).

Beautiful prayers and elevations remind us that every Christian soul is already a DISCIPLE and APOSTLE of the Holy Spirit, by the power of Baptism.

As a disciple, the soul must remember that:

- at Baptism, the Christian soul received the Holy Spirit.
- The presence of the Holy Spirit, makes the soul a Temple of God.
- the Holy Spirit is God and can be saddened and even driven out by sin.
- the Holy Spirit dwells in the soul as the Mover that puts everything in motion, as the Guide who directs everything, as the Master who teaches everything, as the Friend who keeps the soul constant company.
- it is necessary for the soul to only be moved and guided by His gentle inspiration. The soul should accept His divine teachings and keep Him as its sole companion.
- His divine presence makes the soul a daughter of the Father, a sister of Jesus, and a spouse of the Holy Spirit.
- the constant presence of the Holy Spirit introduces the soul into the circle of divine life, through which God lives in the soul and the soul in God.
- the sweet Guest cannot be left alone: the soul must live by Him, for Him, in Him. So continuous absorption of mind, assiduous prayer and sweet conversation are necessary at all times, in all places, and in every kind of work.
- Through the Holy Spirit, the soul shares in the nobility of the divine family: it should never refuse through sin, this elevated dignity.

As an apostle, the believer should remember that:

- on the day of their Holy Confirmation, the soul has accepted the solemn duty, impressed with an indelible character, to be a living image of Christ and to be a witness to Him everywhere and always.
- this commitment stimulates and urges the soul to unceasingly spread Christ's Kingdom everywhere.
- the zeal of the soul should be similar to that of the Apostles after the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.
- the speech of the soul shall enkindle Faith, Hope and Charity, and fight against evil of every kind, everywhere and at all times should destroy the kingdom of darkness to build up the Kingdom of Christ.
- the soul has the duty, through its words and actions, to make people understand that they are God's temples and should have the greatest respect for their body and soul.
- Christians should be aware that the Holy Spirit, who is in them through the grace of Baptism, has elevated them to the greatest dignity, through which have become children of God.
- they should defend their divine nobility from all assaults of the Evil One, by loving the truth and the good, and by avoiding evil.
- as our Redemption, accomplished by Christ, was a work of this Divine Power of Love, so, also the application of the fruits of Redemption through the Sacraments is a work of the same Divine Spirit.
- everything will be renewed if the baptised person receives His light, His love, His strength.
- the supernatural life of the Church and in our souls is completely the work of the Holy Spirit.
- the Centre undertakes a wide apostolate in Italy and abroad. It is in continual development and has started the construction of the Temple and the Citadel for the glorification of the Holy Spirit, according to the divine desire to create a center to worship and adore the Divine Power of Love.
- the Centre serves those interested in or engaged with groups of the Holy Spirit to provide information, advice and spiritual insight about the Holy Spirit Apostolate.

Groups of Disciples and Apostles of the Holy Spirit

We exhort all members to form Cenacles of prayer to make the Holy Spirit better known, loved and glorified.

These groups can be formed within a family or among several families, or even by a few individuals coming together to honour the Holy Spirit. They can meet in any place at any time. It is optimal if they meet weekly, if not, every fortnightly and at least monthly.

At the meeting, in imitation of Our Lady and the Apostles in the Cenacle, they listen to the Word of God, read and comment on it, and say prayers and invocations to the Holy Spirit. They should have with them a copy of the New Testament, the book "Divine Power of Love" and this booklet. **Where possible, cenacles should come together in the church and in accordance with the Pastor, a monthly votive Mass of the Holy Spirit should be celebrated.**

We extend our invitation to particularly sensitive souls, to those who need light, strength and love. These are the little and innocent ones. May all leave the cenacles better spiritually prepared, hopeful, and more enlightened. The Holy Spirit is never invoked in vain!

Thousands of these small cenacles will bring a new wave of fire of the Holy Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

In order to make the Holy Spirit known, loved and glorified and to facilitate the formation of the cenacles, we have printed some texts, among them the book “Divine Power of Love”; all our materials including meditations (in Italian) and are in mp3 format can be found on our website.

Duties of the disciples and apostles

- The Disciples and Apostles of the Holy Spirit know and embrace all the Truths professed by the Holy Catholic Church and refute everything which is contrary to her teachings.
- Those enrolled, accepting the ends of the Association described in its Statutes, consecrate themselves to the Divine Power of Love, to which they give their intellect, their heart, their will and their whole being, temple of the Holy Spirit.
- They commit themselves to make the Holy Spirit known, loved and glorified in order to promote a more solemn, ardent and practical worship of Him and to give prominence to his action of life, truth, justice and love.
- Remembering the words of Jesus: “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them “ (Matthew 18:20), they organise Cenacles of Prayer in one or more families, and in the parishes some become team leaders.
- They offer Him a time of prayer and all the joys and sufferings of the day. **They dedicate the first Wednesday of the month to the Holy Spirit and organise and promote a monthly Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit in parishes and in other public oratories.** They do an annual Novena in preparation for the feast of Pentecost. They invoke the Holy Spirit several times daily with the Sequence and with short prayers, they pray the Angelus, remembering the Incarnation of the Word of God, of which the Holy Spirit was the ineffable Author.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VOTIVE MASS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The rich liturgical patrimony of the Church offers a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit.

In “principals and norms” for the use of the Roman Missal (the Missal is a book that the Priest uses daily for the celebration of the Holy Mass) we read the following (cf 326-329): “The liturgy of the sacraments and sacramentals offer the well-disposed faithful the means to sanctify the events of life through the grace that flows from the Pascal Mystery. The Eucharist is the sacrament of the sacraments and the Missal presents Mass and prayer forms which are used for different circumstances in Christian life and for the needs of the whole world and of the universal or local Church. Masses for various circumstances are of three kinds: Ritual, Votive and masses for various needs. Ritual Masses are connected to the celebrations of some sacraments or sacramentals such as Baptism, Sacred Order, Marriage, etc. Votive Masses are offered to commemorate Mysteries of the Lord, to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary or the saints. Masses for various needs -as the word itself suggests - are for particular needs like peace in the event of war, relief from natural or other man made disasters such as earthquakes, floods, famine and so on. Another kind are masses for the Holy Souls The forms of all these masses are rich and varied.

WHY A VOTIVE MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Vatican II rediscovered and re-evaluated the presence and action of the Third Person of the Holy Spirit in creation and especially in the work of Salvation and Sanctification of man. The documents of the Council and the subsequent Magisterium specifically in the Encyclical on the Holy Spirit entitled “Dominum et Vivificatem” by St John Paul II, 1986. Also the Missals of the Roman and Ambrosian rites give multiple forms for the votive mass of the Holy Spirit. These rites govern the celebration of the Mass and they offer varied and rich forms (two in the Roman rite and three in the Ambrosian for Pentecost) for a votive Mass to the Holy Spirit which are not offered in votive masses to other mysteries of the faith.

(Note: in the Roman Rite, see 931A,932B, 934C and in the Ambrosian Rite, see pg 1126 et seq) The writings of Blesseds and Saints whose inspired writings should be accepted with respect and sincere devotion because the Church gives us these individuals as models for all the faithful. Among them we especially remember Blessed Elena Guerra (1835-1914) of the Oblate of the Holy Spirit, defined by Pope John Paul XXIII, Apostle of the Holy Spirit of modern times and Saint Mary of Jesus Crucified (1846 – 1878), Discalced Carmelite. She is also known as Maryam of Bethlehem, “the little Arab”, distinguished for the spiritual gifts like the stigmata, but above all for her humility, obedience and devotion to the Holy Spirit and a great love for the Church and for the Pope. The Holy Spirit told her one day: **“I've a burning desire and I'd like you to communicate it: I ardently desire that Priests say a Mass each month in honor of the Holy Spirit. Whoever says that Mass or hears it will be honored by the Holy Spirit Himself. He will have light; he will have peace. He will cure the sick. He will awaken those who sleep. They won't die in darkness..”**

Many movements and works recognised by the Holy See or in their own Dioceses have arisen under this new impulse, with a Pneumatological spirituality or charism. Among these is the “Opera dello Spirito Santo” in Palestrina which was born of a burning desire and new appeal from the Heart of Jesus to Mother Carolina Venturella F.d.C.C. Jesus wants the Holy Spirit to be better known, honoured, loved and glorified, in the Church and all over the world through a more solemn, ardent and practical worship in which he will be given the glorious title, “Divine Power of Love.” Jesus, speaking to a “Poor Soul” (Mother Carolina) conferred on the Founder, P.David de Angelis O.F.M

the mission to find the means of the glorification of the Holy Spirit and provided him with necessary Divine assistance. The works which began in the 1970's include preaching, publishing and establishing cenacles of prayer. **Fr David asked those who share the charism to celebrate and participate in the monthly Mass of the Holy Spirit.**

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A VOTIVE MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND A MASS IN HONOUR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit uses the special form present in the Missals (as indicated above), and the celebrant does not have to have the intention of offering the mass to honour the Holy Spirit. This Votive Mass is said on days and indeed liturgical times allowed by the Church (see Principles and rules for the use of the Roman Missal). In more prominent liturgical periods of the year (as for example, in Lent), it isn't usually possible, unless for specific reasons and with the consent of the Local Ordinary, it can still be done. When it isn't possible to celebrate the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, nothing prohibits participation in the Eucharistic celebration, with the particular intention of honouring the Holy Spirit. It is optimal to ask the Priest to apply the above intention to the Mass.

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