

Prayers to the Holy Spirit

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.

Cardinal Mercier

Breathe in 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.

St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven,
you promised to send the Holy Spirit to your apostles and disciples.
Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of your grace and love.
Grant us
the Spirit of fear of the Lord that we may be filled with loving reverence toward you;
the Spirit of piety that we might find peace and fulfillment
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,
seeking first the kingdom.
Grant us
the Spirit of wisdom that we may aspire to the things that last forever.
Teach us to be your faithful disciples
and animate us in every way with your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
and in our hearts take up Thy rest;
come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.**

**O Comforter, to Thee we cry,
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high,
Thou Fount of life, and Fire of love,
and sweet anointing from above.**

**O Finger of the hand divine,
the sevenfold gifts of grace are thine;
true promise of the Father thou,
who dost the tongue with power endow.**

**Thy light to every sense impart,
and shed thy love in every heart;
thine own unfailing might supply
to strengthen our infirmity.**

**Drive far away our ghostly foe,
and thine abiding peace bestow;
if thou be our preventing Guide,
no evil can our steps betide.**

**Praise we the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit with them One;
and may the Son on us bestow
the gifts that from the Spirit flow.**

**Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.
And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.**

Come, Holy Ghost (Veni Creator Spiritus)