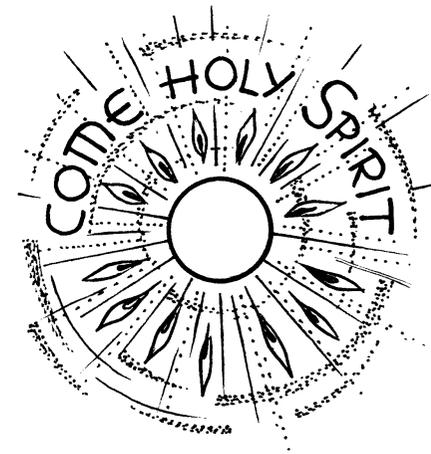


*English Martyrs Parish
Wembley Park*



Novena to the Holy Spirit

HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come,
From thy bright heav'nly 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 an understand.

O guide our minds with thy blessed light,
With love our hearts inflame;
And with thy strength, which never 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 th'eternal Son,
And thee, the Spirit of them both,
Thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,
With his coequal Son;
The same to thee, great Paraclete,
While endless ages run.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

V. Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful,
R. *And enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.*

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

Let us Pray:

God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructed the hearts of the faithful, grant us by the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, *Amen.*

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Holy Spirit, O my God, I adore you, and acknowledge You, here in Your divine presence, that I am nothing and can do nothing without You. Come, great Comforter, You Father of the poor, You Comforter the best, fulfil the promise of our Blessed Saviour, Who would not leave us orphans, and come into the mind, and the heart of Your poor unworthy creature, as You didst descend on the sacred day of Pentecost on the holy Mother of Jesus and on His disciples. Grant that I may participate in those gifts which you did communicate to them so wonderfully, and with so much mercy and generosity. Take from my Heart whatever is not pleasing to You, and make of it a worthy dwelling place for Yourself.

O Holy Spirit, 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 Spirit, grant me the gift of understanding and shining light, that I may know the mysteries of faith and of heavenly things, in the true light of Your wisdom filing my mind and heart.

O Holy Spirit, 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 life.

O Holy Spirit, 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 Spirit, grant me the gift of godliness and heavenly light, which may penetrate my soul with a tender devotion to You and love Your divine service and also cause me to find happiness in practicing good works.

O Holy Spirit, grant me the gift of the fear of God and penetrating light, that I may recognize how greatly sin offends Your Infinite majesty, and may fear and most carefully avoid all that is displeasing to You.

O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, may the grace of the Holy Spirit, through Your infinite merit, come upon me like the fire which You have enkindled by Your coming into this world. Amen

LITANY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us. God the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God, *Have mercy on us.*

Divine Essence, one true God, *Have mercy on us*

Spirit of truth and wisdom, *Have mercy on us*

Spirit of holiness and justice, *Have mercy on us*

Spirit of understanding and counsel, *Have mercy on us*

Spirit of love and joy, *Have mercy on us*

Spirit of peace and patience, *Have mercy on us*

Spirit of longanimity and meekness, *Have mercy on us*

Spirit of benignity and goodness, *Have mercy on us*

Love substantial of the Father and the Son, *Have mercy on us*

Love and life of saintly souls, *Have mercy on us*

Fire ever burning, *Have mercy on us*

Living water to quench the thirst of hearts, *Have mercy on us*

From all evil, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

From all impurity of soul and body, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

From all gluttony and sensuality, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

From all attachments to the things of the earth, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

From all hypocrisy and pretence, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

From all imperfections and deliberate faults, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

From our own will, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

From slander, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

From deceiving our neighbours, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

From our passions and disorderly appetites, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

From our inattentiveness to Thy holy inspirations, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

From despising little things, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

From debauchery and malice, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

From love of comfort and luxury, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

From wishing to seek or desire anything other than Thee, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

From everything that displeases Thee, *Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.*

Most loving Father, *forgive us.*

Divine Word, *have pity on us.*

Holy and divine Spirit, *leave us not until we are in possession of the Divine Essence*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
Send us the divine Consoler.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
Fill us with the gifts of Thy Spirit.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
Make the fruits of the Holy Spirit increase within us.

V. Create in us a clean heart O God.

R. And renew a right spirit within us.

Let us pray

May the Holy Ghost, we beseech You, O Lord, inflame us with that fire which our Lord Jesus Christ came to cast upon the earth, and so earnestly desired that it might be kindled exceedingly; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**