

Introduction to the Novena to the Holy Spirit

No one could possibly love you more than God the Holy Spirit. You have given and received only natural love. God's love is supernatural. His love for you is unlimited.

He created you. Just as you are. Just as He wanted you to be. He wants you to know Him. He wants you to be happy and enjoy this world and this life He gave you.

With His gifts, He gives you all you need to accomplish this. He wants to give you unlimited **WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE** and **UNDERSTANDING**. He wants to **COUNSEL** you and give you **FORTITUDE**. He wants to make it easy for you to be close and intimate with Him through His gift to you of **PIETY**. He wants to create in you a love for Him that will satisfy every want and desire you have.

When Jesus lived on the earth with His disciples, they were content to give up everything to follow Him, just to be near him. With Him, they were safe and if they needed any **COUNSEL** they knew He could give them the answers. The disciples had never experienced or even heard of such a source of comfort. And **WISDOM** on earth. So when it was time for Him to leave they were very upset. He assured them by telling them He would send the Paraclete, the comforter to be with them and with all his followers.

When he lived as a man He could only be touched and seen and known by as many as is humanly possible. By sending His Spirit He could be present, in Spirit, to all, at all times.

The Holy Spirit speaks to you in your thoughts. He prompts or speaks to you in your language, using your grammar and the words you are familiar with and use daily. These thoughts or promptings that come from the Holy Spirit are so natural that unless you are sensitive to His promptings you could easily ignore them or not recognize them as important.

During these nine days reflection on the Holy Spirit, you will pray, meditate, contemplate, ponder, concentrate, reflect, use your imagination and listen.

Each day, mull over the thought presented to you that day, for as long as you can. Read and re-read. E time you get a thought, stop and ponder it. Exhaust it before continuing. Your goal is to listen to your thoughts, not to get through the Novena. Imagine there is no such thing as time. Don't try to fill the time. But meditate. Remember, you are not trying to find thoughts and answers from the same sources you are accustomed to using, such as reading. You are trying to hear new thoughts from a different source. This will not be information, this will be **KNOWLEDGE**. The Holy Spirit will be putting words in your thoughts.