Before ascending into Heaven, Christ instituted a Sacrament through which the Holy Ghost comes to us in a special way and enables us to profess our Faith as strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ. That is the Sacrament of Confirmation: it is so called because it confirms and strengthens us in the Faith. The Acts relates two incidents of the Apostles administering this Sacrament.

“When the apostles in Jerusalem,” Acts says, “heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John. On their arrival, they prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost for, as yet, He had not come upon any of them, but they had only been baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.” (8:14-16)

Equally explicit is the second case related in Acts: “On hearing this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus; and when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began to speak in tongues and to prophesy.” (19:5-6)

What a pity it is for a person seeking to advance in holiness not to go to the Holy Spirit, the source of holiness, light, strength and consolation! Pray to the Holy Ghost and He will multiply His holy inspirations in your soul; He will pour His gifts into it and He will take up His dwelling within you.

(Pause and reflect)

**RESOLUTION:**

I shall cultivate a special devotion to the Holy Ghost and come to Him for light to know my duty and strength to fulfill it. Every day, I shall say some prayers in His honor.

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**Prayers to The Holy Ghost**

**For Light and Love**

Ant. Come, O Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy Love. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created. 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 consolations, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Short Act of Consecration**

O Holy Spirit of God, take me as Thy disciple: Guide me, illuminate me, sanctify me. Bind my hands that they may do no evil; cover my eyes that they may see it no more; sanctify my heart that evil may not dwell within me. Be Thou my God; be Thou my guide. Withersoever Thou leadest me, I will go; whatsoever
Thou forbiddest me, I will renounce; and whatsoever Thou commandest me in Thy strength, I will do. Lead me, then, unto the fullness of Thy truth.
Amen.

_Warm My Heart,_
Spirit of Love and of Light, Third Person of the most happy Trinity, One God with the Father and the Son in all eternity, behold Your Jesus within my heart, and possess me utterly for the sake of this divine and most dear Guest. Warm my cold heart with the flames of pure love, cleanse me of every stain, make my soul beautiful with every virtue that I may be less unworthy to be the tabernacle of this august Sacrament.

What can You refuse me, my God, Who hast given me the most precious of all gifts? I ask with the greatest confidence, for every grace and blessing for myself, for all who are mine, for Thy holy Church, for all the faithful and for all mankind. I grieve with deep contrition for all the sins and infidelities of which I have been guilty toward Thy Divine Majesty and for the sins of the whole universe.

In atonement, I offer to Thee this spotless Victim whom I possess through Thy kind love. I desire to partake in all the merits of the Saints, in the praise of all the Angels, in the good works of all the holy souls on earth, and to offer them all to Thee in thanksgiving and supplication, in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Thus, may I deserve most Holy Spirit, to live forever with Thee in the peace and happiness of that heavenly Home where Thee, with the Father and the Son, are the delight of all the Blessed, One God, world without end.
Amen.

**FOR WISDOM AND TRUTH**

_Holy Spirit of Truth, Lord of Light, have mercy, we beg of Thee, upon all the blind of heart. Their souls, dear Spirit of Love, are overcast and clouded with self-sufficiency and pride or blinded by the allurements of this world. They have forgotten Thy judgments, have wandered far from the way of Thy Commandments, have despised and rejected Thy graces; and now their conscience, grown dull and hard, no longer gives them warning of the danger to their soul._

_Have pity, dear Lord, and forget the many times they have abused Thy graces, refused Thy consolations and Thy Divine Majesty by their sins. Stir them once more, by Thy almighty power, out of the sleep of indifference and sin. Bid the scales fall from the eyes of their souls, as of old they fell from the eyes of Saul, the persecutor of Thy people, when he became Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles, full of Thy Spirit of Wisdom and of Truth._

_Through the intercession of that mighty Apostle, who has known what it means to be blind of heart and has experienced in his own person the power of the Holy Spirit, help all the blind of heart. And, as we ourselves share, alas, to some degree, in this blindness of soul, open our eyes also, to see and to realize what we now know and believe, so that we may put off all sin and affection to sin and may serve God faithfully with a loving heart._
Amen.