COME, HOLY GHOST,
KINDLE IN US THE FIRE OF DIVINE LOVE!
Wisdom  Understanding  Counsel  Fortitude  Knowledge  Piety  Fear of  The Lord

PRAYERS TO THE HOLY GHOST
Petitions for Every Need with Novena

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In his Encyclical on the Holy Ghost, Pope Leo XIII strongly urged the faithful to have a special devotion to this Divine Spirit and exhorted all Bishops and priests to preach this sanctifying devotion with a new and burning zeal. His Holiness pointed out that the Holy Ghost is constantly at work in the Church, which undertakes nothing of importance without invoking His aid in the solemn hymn, *Veni Creator.*

The words of the Holy Father were most timely, for many of the faithful seem to have forgotten the important role which the Holy Spirit plays in the life of the Church and of the individual. He is the guide and the sanctifier of both. Indeed, He is the very soul of the Church.

Shortly before His Ascension into Heaven, Jesus commended this devotion to the Apostles and promised to them the coming of the Holy Ghost. “But the Paraclete, the Holy Ghost,” He said, “whom the Father will send in My Name, He will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you.” (Jn.14:26) (Pause and reflect)

Not only did the Apostles receive the gift of tongues but they received the courage, strength and fortitude to use that gift and, thus, to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to friend and foe. They became valiant and fearless men: instead of fleeing danger, they esteemed it a privilege to face perils of all kinds and even to die for the Faith of Christ. (Pause and reflect)

“In order to understand the powerful influence exercised upon the Apostles, consider how timid they were when they assembled in the cenacle after the crucifixion of their Divine Master and Leader, Jesus Christ. They undertook no missionary work: they remained in prayer, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit who would transform them into intrepid Apostles, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ in all lands.

“And when the days of the Pentecost were accomplished,” relates the Acts, “they were all together in one place and, suddenly, there came a sound from Heaven, as of a mighty wind coming and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And, there appeared to them parted tongues, as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with diverse tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak.” (2:1-4)