PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS

Prayer
O Holy Spirit, guide me by your gifts so that I may spend my time on earth in promoting God’s reign in myself and in others. Without your help much of my life will be wasted. Grant that this misfortune may not happen. Holy Mary, your life was ever fruitful in the Holy Spirit. Grant me a share in your fruitfulness.

1. Fear of the Lord
O Divine Spirit, Who bestows all good gifts, penetrate my soul, I beseech Thee, with Thy gifts of holy Fear, that I may ever recognise my sinfulness before Thee and fearing sin, may keep my conscience pure. Amen

2. Piety
O Holy Spirit, Thou Father of the poor, of Thy mercy deign to increase in me Thy sweetest Gift of Piety, that through it I may ever worship God, with filial love, in spirit and in truth, and venerate His Blessed Mother and honour all Thy Saints. Grant me alike, through this Gift,
duly to reverence my parents and love my friends and country with true Christian charity.

3. Knowledge
O Holy Spirit, Fount of Life, graciously endow me with Thy Gift of Knowledge, that by its aid I may truthfully judge concerning all created things, their perfection and defects. Help me to see that all perfections of the creature are but so many streamlets from the overflowing Fount of the Creator. Teach me how frail and perishable is all that this world loves, how vain man’s judgment, how dangerous the deceitfulness of sin; and strengthen me to turn wholeheartedly to you my God, in whom alone is peace and rest. Amen.

4. Fortitude
O Holy Spirit, Great Paraclete, you, Who in toil art comfort sweet, give me, I beseech you, the priceless Gift of Fortitude, that, through it, all dread of danger being excluded, I may stand firm in all temptations and may be strong to follow generously Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

5. Counsel
O Holy Spirit, you Light of all that live, Who says, “that the thoughts of mortal man are full of fear and our foresight ever insecure”, mercifully illuminate my darkened mind, by your Gift of heavenly Counsel, so that, in each and every circumstance of life, I may carefully avoid whatever leads away from you and prudently select whatever will conduct to the ineffable possession of Thyself in ever-lasting life. Amen.

6. Understanding
O Divine Spirit, Thou Who art the Light of hearts, grant me, I beseech you, by your Gift of Understanding, to penetrate more deeply the Truths of holy Faith, that thus enlightened, I may ever understand more clearly the mysteries you have graciously revealed, and in face of any difficulty my own weak reason or the malice of your enemies can suggest, may cling so faithfully to the doctrine of the Church as never to lose trust in you, my God. Amen.
7. **Wisdom**

O Holy Spirit, most Blessed Light, and the soul’s delightful Guest, mercifully increase in me your gift of heavenly Wisdom that by it, I may always taste and see how sweet you are, that I may cling to you as my most amiable and most beautiful portion for all eternity; and that I may regard all created things as nothingness except they are united with you my God, who with the Father and Son lives and reigns, for endless ages. Amen.