

## Novena to the Holy Spirit

### DAY NINE

#### COMMON SENSE

The other spiritual gift You offer to us, if we listen, O Holy Spirit, is the greatest of all Your gifts. Your gift of **WISDOM**.

This gift of **WISDOM** is the highest compliment man can receive. Your gift of **WISDOM** endows us with the ability to use all of Your other spiritual gifts in their exact proper proportion. The baker is wise, O Holy Spirit, when he does not use too much of any one ingredient in his cake.

The ability to use each of Your spiritual gifts of **KNOWLEDGE—UNDERSTANDING—COUNSEL—FORTITUDE—PIETY and FEAR OF THE LORD** in exactly the right proportion is the gift of gifts. The gift of **WISDOM**.

#### END OF BEGINNING

This is the ninth day, O Holy Spirit. My intended Novena is completed.

I must recognize the fact You gave me the **FORTITUDE** to persevere. The strength that made it easy.

You gave me the determination to succeed as You will in everything You prompt me to do.

If only I take time to listen for Your gift of **FORTITUDE**.

I shall take the time to reminisce on my early childhood and each year up to the present time, to the best of my ability, with Your help and **KNOWLEDGE**, O Holy Spirit. I shall dwell on the past few months in particular.

You will let me **UNDERSTAND** how You have been in my life daily, even though I was not aware of it.

How You gave me the grace of Your seven gifts and how often I threw them away by neglecting to use them.

How on many occasions Your gifts were there and I did use them, but was under the impression, due to my pride, that I did it all by myself.

But, why does it have to end? Why should it end?

If I have not experienced Your presence in my heart, I shall start over for another nine days if You will only give me the **FORTITUDE**.

If I have experienced Your presence in my heart, I will jealously preserve it. Relive it. Practice listening daily. A perpetual Novena.

My hope is I will grow into the habit of experiencing Your presence every moment of my consciousness.

#### END OF DAY NINE