

FOUR PRAYERS TO THE HOLY GHOST



FIRST PRAYER TO GOD THE HOLY GHOST.

O Holy Spirit of Grace,
be Thou my Wisdom,
to teach me my faith;
my Understanding,
in all my doubts;
my Strength
against all temptations;
my Knowledge,
in what belongs
to the state of life
to which I am called;
my Godliness,
in all my actions;
my Fear,
all the day long:
that Thou mayst be
my Comfort
at the last,
and my Bliss forever. Amen.

SECOND PRAYER TO GOD THE HOLY GHOST.

O Thou Author of Sanctification,
Spirit of love and truth,
I adore Thee as the Origin
of my eternal welfare,
I thank Thee as the Sovereign
Dispenser of the benefits
that I receive from on high;
and I invoke Thee as the source

of the light and strength
which is necessary to me
to know good and to practice it.
O Spirit of light and strength,
enlighten my understanding,
strengthen my will,
purify my heart,
rule all the
movements thereof,
and make me docile
to all Thy inspirations.
Pardon me,
Spirit of grace and mercy;
pardon my continual
unfaithfulness,
and the wretched blindness
with which I have
so repulsed the gentlest,
and the most powerful
impulses of Thy Grace.
I desire by the aid
of this same Grace to cease from
being rebellious against it,
and henceforth to follow its
movements with such docility,
that I may taste the fruits
and enjoy the blessings
which Thy Sacred Gifts
produce in the soul.
To Thee, with the Father and the
Son, be all glory forever. Amen.

**THIRD PRAYER TO GOD
THE HOLY GHOST.**

Come, then,
O Holy Spirit, come;
come, O come,
Most Merciful Comforter;
come, Thou Blessed Paraclete;
come, Thou Celestial Fire;
come, Thou Purifier of sins,
Thou Healer of wounds;
come, Thou Upholder
of the falling,
Thou Lifter-up
of the fallen,
come, Thou Teacher
of the humble,
Thou Destroyer of the proud;
come, Thou Friend
of the friendless,
Hope of the hopeless,
Consoler of the sorrowful,
Haven of the weary,
Physician of the sick;
come, Thou glory of the living,
Only Salvation
of the dying!
Come, O Most Holy,
Thrice Holy, Holy Ghost,
come, and have pity on me;
direct me and defend me;

strengthen me and comfort me;
confirm me,
and gladden me;
fit me for Thyself;
and having made me fit,
dwell in me forever;
and grant that my littleness
may be acceptable
to Thy Greatness,
my weakness
to Thy Strength,
according to the multitude
of Thy compassion;
through Jesus Christ
our Saviour,
Who with the Father liveth
and reigneth in Thy Unity
forever and ever. Amen.

**FOURTH PRAYER TO GOD
THE HOLY GHOST.**

O Holy Spirit,
be Thou present,
and from heaven
shed down Thy consolations
on them that expect Thee;
sanctify the temple
of our body,
and consecrate it
a habitation to Thyself.

Make the souls that desire Thee
joyful with Thy presence.
Make the house fit for Thee,
the Inhabitant:
adorn Thy chamber
and surround the place
of Thy rest with all virtues;
strew its floor with jewels;
let Thy mansion shine
with the brightness
of carbuncles
and precious stones;
and let the odors
of all Thy gifts
inwardly discover themselves;
let Thy fragrant balsam
perfume Thy residence,
and expel
whatever is noisome
and the spring of corruption;
do Thou make this joy
permanent and lasting:
and this renovation
of Thy creature
do Thou continue forever
in unfading beauty.
Amen.
—*A prayer of St. Cyprian.*