



Novena to the Holy Spirit: Day 7



In the Acts of the Apostles we read, **“All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus...” (Acts 1:14)**

As we reach the conclusion of our novena to the Holy Spirit, it is right to focus on Mary. In his famous book, *True Devotion to Mary*, the French saint Louis De Montfort explained how the more the Holy Spirit finds Mary in a person’s soul, the more active and mighty He becomes in that person.

Experience: We remember the example of Maximilian Kolbe, the Polish priest with an enormous love for Mary. We know his story. He ended up in the Auschwitz concentration camp during the Second World War. The Nazi soldiers used to march up and down, picking out people that they would take away and kill. One day, they picked a man who was standing next to Maximilian. Now Maximilian knew that this man was married and had a number of children. So he said to the soldier: don’t take him, take me instead. And that’s what happened. But even when they put him in the prison cell to die, Maximilian still kept thinking of others, helping the other prisoners too. The Holy Spirit of courage and counsel worked through this man who had given such a special place to Mary in his soul.

Action: Nurture your relationship with Mary, Our Mother in Heaven, today.

Request: In silence make your petition-request.

Prayer: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

