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WEEKLY PRAYERS AND INVOCATIONS OF THE ELUS COHENS

SHORT OFFICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT¹

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This Ritual of reading the "Office of the Holy Spirit" was mentioned in two letters letter from Martinez de Pasqually to Willermoz. One letter was dated August 13th, 1768 and the one dated September 2nd of the same year. In both of these letters the reading of the "Office of the Holy Spirit is referred to as a daily ritual. Martinez de Pasqually strongly recommended his Reaux+Croix *recite it every Thursday, but preferably every day*. He called it the "Short Office of the Holy Spirit" -- which is, in fact, the invocation of the "Seven Spirits before the Throne," that is: the Seven Great Archangels, which are also the Angels of the Seven Churches of which the Apocalypse (Revelations) speaks.

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(From the center of your prayer rug, and with the altar candles lit. Enter the circle with a candle in your right hand and the text of the ritual in the left hand. We suggest you use a white alb for this invocation)

"Come Creative Spirit, visit the hearts of your followers, fill us, these hearts which you have created, with that Grace from Above. For it is You who is called the Consoling Spirit, the gift of God Almighty, the source of Living Water, the Divine Fire, the Charity,

¹ To be done every Thursday, but if possible, every day.

the Invisible Unction of Souls. Grant us this same Spirit which allows us to experience good, and which dwells in us forever through His Divinity.

“Come then, descend upon us with your Seven Precious Gifts - You, who are the finger of God; You, who are the Supreme Subject of the Father's Promise: You, who place His Word on our lips. Light up our Spirits with your Light, embrace our hearts with Your Love, and sanctify, at all times, our frail and vulnerable flesh. Shed a Ray of Divine Light upon us.

“Banish the Spirit of Temptation² from us, and fill us with unfailing Peace. Heal our wounds, and renew our strength so that we become a tower of strength against those forces which assail us. You, Yourself, become our guide so that we may avoid all karma-generating errors. Influence our actions by the Holy Spirit, and guide them through your ever present help. Teach us to understand the Father. Teach us to understand the Son and Yourself. And may the Spirit of the Father and of the Son forever be the object of our Faith.

“That is why Eternal Glory, in all cycles, is given to God the Father, to the Son (resurrected from among the Dead), and to the Holy Spirit. So Mote It Be. Lord, please send the Sacred Fire of your Spirit and all will be created, and You will renew the face of the Earth.

“Oh God, who reads all hearts and who knows all troubles. I cry out to you, Spirit of Light, Wisdom and Love, to bestow upon me the fullness of Your gifts. It is because *all* of these gifts are necessary for me that I cannot choose.

“Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom, that Spirit which enables me to view things according to their true value, according to Your value, and *not* according to the judgment of the World. May I repeat along with Solomon: “ Since my early years I have loved Wisdom and I have chosen it to be my companion in my life. I have preferred it above all that is most splendid in this world, and I thought that riches were nothing to the price of such a jewel ³. All good things have come with It, and in my pains and in my sorrows, it has always been my consolation and my joy.” (Proverbs VIII)

“Grant me the Spirit of Intelligence, that Spirit which enlightens me both in the knowledge of the Scriptures and of the great eternal truths. Come, teach me the way of Truth. For that which attracts the Spirit of Intelligence into the Soul is faith and modesty. Faith, which submits in order to understand better; and modesty,⁴ which readily recognizes its ignorance.

² that spirit which entices us to do that which is wrong, by promise of pleasure or gain

³ “The truth and sincerity of wisdom are absolute because they are divine. They can neither deceive nor tolerate deception. An intelligent man understands and accepts them.” The Holy Bible (New York:Catholic Publishing Company) ©1963, p.640.

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"Grant me the Spirit of Counsel, this Spirit which illumines and lights up the way to Heaven, and prevents me from getting lost like a foolish wayward traveler taking an unknown road without a guide.

"Grant me the Spirit of Knowledge, this Spirit which teaches me to avoid the fall resulting from karma-generated errors. For this is a vital tool, and the only one which no human science can do without.

"Grant me the Spirit of Strength, this Spirit which supports my weakness with Your Strength and does not leave me vulnerable and weak after the slightest effort - especially when I am to obey You rather than unwisely doing as I will, and especially when I have to do work when I have not the slightest desire to do so. I beseech You, to be my Guide and Protector and in so doing, enable me to conquer that weak part of myself when the Holy Rule of God orders me to do so.

"Grant me the Spirit of Piety, this Spirit which swells my heart with a filial attraction towards God, and which makes serving Him pleasant, easy and an act of Unconditional Love.

"Grant me the Spirit of Fear, this Spirit of filial fear which, mingled with respect and love, makes me carefully avoid everything which could disassociate me from or not reintegrate me with God, our Father.

"Oh, Precious Gifts, whose excellence I have learned to know and to recognize, see how my soul summons You with confidence and opens itself to You with Unconditional Love. And you, Holy Apostles, who, on the day of Pentecost received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, grant us those same graces in order that we may gain a fidelity similar to that which was bestowed upon you. For in believing all that you have received and passed on, and by practicing the works which were yours, we may, as we continue to promote the succession of the Church which you have founded, continue to share with you, O Holy and Venerated Apostles, the blissful reward of the Union and Reintegration with God, the Beatific Vision. So Mote It Be."

THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONS
ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT EVERY THURSDAY⁵

(The following recitation of Psalms is also performed at night, with all the lights extinguished, except for the light of one candle which you will carry with you to read. Please stand in the center of the circle in the prayer rug, facing the Orient (the East). If desired, a little incense may be lit.)

PSALM 51

⁵ It is important to note that the text or language of the Psalms has not been “upgraded” or revised to reflect contemporary speech. Instead, it remains as is in order to preserve the integrity of both the original intent and spirit of the teachings.

THE MISERERE MEI
(Prayer of Repentance)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
According to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sins.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

You are proved right when you speak, and justified when you judge.
Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Surely you wish me to know truth, you teach me wisdom in my heart and soul.
Teach me to hear joy and gladness: that my sorrows may be turned to happiness.

By thy grace spare my sins, and by thy charity forgive my wickedness.
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit away from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

Now, either bend down or kneeling on both knees with face touching the ground, recite the following:

PSALM 130
DE PROFUNDIS
(Prayer For Pardon And Mercy)

Out of the depths have I cried unto you, O Lord.

Lord hear my voice:

let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If you, Lord, should mark my iniquities,

O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,⁶ that you may be approached.

I wait for you, my soul waits, and in your word I trust.

My soul waits for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning:

I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with Him there is mercy,

and with Him is gracious redemption.

He shall redeem all mankind from iniquity.



⁶ “The thought of God’s merciful forgiveness should lead one to seek His pardon and to fear offending Him in the future.” The Holy Bible (New York:Catholic Publishing Company) ©1963, p.622.