

## CELEBRATING THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES

The Spirit of God rests upon us; the Spirit of God consecrates us,  
the Spirit of God bids us to go forth in joy to proclaim the Good News of Jesus.



Come, Holy Spirit, with all Your quickening power.  
We invite Your presence in this place and in this space  
for from the beginning of time  
Your Spirit has hovered over  
seemingly impossible situations:  
Upon an earth that was a formless void,  
upon a body made from the dust of the earth,  
upon dry bones in a valley,  
upon Your Son in a rock-hewn tomb,  
Your Spirit moved and danced.  
Your Spirit moved, coaxing creation out of chaos,  
calling life into humanity,  
bringing light to the world,  
eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus.  
Now on this day and in this season,  
we pray that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead,  
the same Spirit Who gave birth to the Church,  
the same Spirit Who created a universal language  
when the day of Pentecost had finally come,  
breathe on us now.  
Breathe on us removing our doubts and fears about Your power working in us.  
Breathe on us giving us transforming power  
that speaks life in the midst of death.  
Breathe on us so that the Gospel message of justice, peace and love is communicated through the Spirit of Pentecost.

## SCRIPTURE

JOEL 2: 28, 32

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

## REFLECTION

Dreams . . . visions- The "dreams" are attributed to the "old men," as more in accordance with their years; "visions" to the "young men," as adapted to their more lively minds. The three modes whereby God revealed His will under the Old Testament (Numbers 12:6), "prophecy, dreams, and visions," are here made the symbol of the full manifestation of Himself to all His people, not only in miraculous gifts to some, but by His indwelling Spirit to all.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says, "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God Who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, Who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

REFLECTION THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD by Benedict Baur, OSB

Everything depends on the Holy Spirit's operation in us. The more fully we allow ourselves to be drawn and guided by the Holy Spirit, the closer we shall come to Jesus and His mysteries and graces. The Holy Spirit must draw us to every good thought, word and deed. Every act of faith, of hope and of love for God requires the inspiration and help of the Holy Spirit. If our virtues and our deeds are to be truly perfect and worthy of God, they need the special and continual touch of the Holy Spirit. Even though we are endowed with all the supernatural virtues, we still remain mere apprentices in the spiritual life. We know what we must do; and yet lack the virtue and the faculty to perform these things with ease. The Holy Spirit must guide us. He must seize our intellect and our wills and guide us in prayer, in work, in the decisions we have to make, and in the difficulties we encounter every day. He must share with us His manner of seeing, of loving, of thinking, and of working.

Our works and our conduct will be perfect only when the Holy Spirit has taken complete possession of us. Therefore, in addition to the supernatural virtues of faith, hope, charity, justice, fortitude, temperance and wisdom, He gives us also His seven gifts. Thus He equips the tiny boat of our soul with sails upon which He Himself, the Spirit of God, blows. Our progress across the sea of life is then no longer slow and painful. We are propelled and guided by the Spirit. If the Spirit of God breathes upon the sails of our boat, then our journey will be a happy one. Then through the work and the help of the Holy Spirit, Who lives in our soul, we shall come to the Father.

#### PRAYER

Then I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, thus says the Lord.  
Send down the fire of Your justice!  
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
Send down the rain of Your love!  
Your old shall dream dreams,  
and Your young shall see visions.  
Send down Your Spirit, breathe life in Your people!  
In those days, I will pour out My spirit  
And we shall be People of God.

The Spirit comes with fire of justice  
and we offer the extinguisher of complacency.  
Lord have mercy,  
Lord have mercy upon us.

The Spirit comes with the rain of love  
And we offer an umbrella of reserve.  
Christ have mercy,  
Christ have mercy upon us.

The Spirit comes bearing fresh winds of change  
and we close the windows.  
Lord have mercy,  
Lord have mercy upon us.

Hear the great good news of our faith:  
The Spirit is alive!

Breathe, children of God,  
breathe the fresh winds of the Spirit.  
Taste, children of God,  
taste the quenching waters of God's love.  
Touch, children of God,  
touch the heat of God's passion for justice.

## HYMN      SPIRIT BLOWING THROUGH CREATION

Spirit renewing the earth, renewing the hearts of all people;  
Burn in the weary soul,  
blow through the silent lips,  
come now awake us, Spirit of God.

Spirit blowing through creation,  
Spirit burning in the skies  
Let the hope of Your salvation fill our eyes;  
God of splendor, God of glory,  
You Who light the stars above,  
All the heavens tell the story of Your love.

As You moved upon the waters,  
As You ride upon the wind,  
Move us all, Your sons and daughters deep within.  
As You shaped the hills and mountains,  
Formed the land and filled the deep,  
Let Your hand renew and waken all who sleep.

Love that sends the rivers dancing,  
Love that waters all that lives,  
Love that heals and holds and rouses and forgives,  
You are food for all Your creatures,  
You are hunger in the soul,  
In Your hands the broken-hearted are made whole.

All the creatures You have fashioned,  
All that live and breathe in You,  
Find their hope in Your compassion, strong and true,  
You, O Spirit of salvation,  
You alone, beneath, above,  
Come renew Your whole creation in Your love.

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## PRAYER

As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost,  
All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by water and the Holy Spirit

You freed Your sons and daughters from sin  
and gave us new life.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon us  
to be our Helper and Guide.

Give us the Spirit of [1] wisdom and [2] understanding,  
the spirit of [3] right judgment and [4] courage,  
the spirit of [5] knowledge and [6] reverence.

Fill us with the spirit of [7] wonder and awe in your presence.

Almighty God through the power of the Holy Spirit  
may we put on the mind and heart of Jesus

for the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are the manifestation of the Divine  
Power active in the life of Jesus of Nazareth Whom we follow and  
proclaim.

May we be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Amen. Alleluia!



Saint John Baptist de La Salle  
and all you holy Brothers who have gone before us,  
help us to be receptive to the Holy Spirit working in our daily lives.

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!



CAME  
IN MY  
SPIRIT

The Spirit of God sends us forth,  
Called to witness the kingdom of Christ among all the nations.  
Called to proclaim the Good New of Christ.  
Called to console the hearts of those overcome with sorrow.  
Called to comfort the poor who mourn and who weep.  
Called to announce the grace of salvation for all.  
Called to proclaim the glory among all the people.  
Our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.

Isaiah 61