

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity.
Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love.
Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another.
May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology.
Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day.
Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation.
Amen.



Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom Understanding Right Judgement
Courage Knowledge Reverence
Wonder & Awe

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Charity Generosity Joy Kindness
Gentleness Peace Faithfulness Patience
Goodness Modesty Self-Control Chastity

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
Blessed are they who mourn, they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are they who hunger & thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteous,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account, Rejoice & be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

Candidates Prayer

Life giving Spirit,
I am ready to take another step on my journey.
I can barely see the point from which I started
and cannot yet see the place where I may rest,
but I am ready to take another step.

There have been obstacles, including myself.
There have been and will be wrong turns, down one
way streets where I followed others.
But I am learning to listen and trust in your word
I am ready to take another step.

I am not alone, and must not forget about others.
My burden is less and my benefit greater when
We walk together knowing that everyone counts.
I am ready to take another step. Amen.



Sponsor and Parents Prayer

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 them new life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these young people
To be their helper and their guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of right judgment and courage,
The spirit of knowledge and reverence.
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your
presence.
Bless them and keep them O Lord as they
Take another step in their journey. Amen.