

PRAYERS TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT

 Renovabis



OPEN
MY HEART



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Dear prayer partners!

It is the Holy Spirit, that works all good in us [see Rom. 8:26]. His presence is more important in these times than ever before. His gifts bring about renewal, wisdom, strengthened faith

and healing. Moreover they help us to discern what is good for us, and what could harm us.

The Holy Spirit is also the love that directs us to God and our fellow human beings, and moves us to draw closer to them.

This set of prayers is designed as a handbook for our personal encounter with the Spirit of God. Its small format is also appropriate for that purpose, since it is easy to bring along with us, wherever we are. At the same time, it should serve to foster communal prayer. After all, the Holy Spirit draws us together.

With this booklet, published in multiple languages, we are seeking to build a bridge of prayer between people in our partner countries in Central, Eastern and Mid-Eastern Europe. Wherever the Spirit of God is present, unity and understanding thrive!

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BREATHE IN ME

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.

attributed to Saint Augustine

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit,
You, Spirit of truth that sets us free.
You, Spirit of storms that unsettles us,
You, Spirit of courage that gives us strength.
You, Spirit of fire that makes us worthy of trust.

Come, Holy Spirit,
You, Spirit of love that unites us.
You, Spirit of joy that brings us bliss.
You, Spirit of peace that teaches us to forgive.
You, Spirit of hope that makes us kind.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Leonardo Boff



O HOLY FIRE

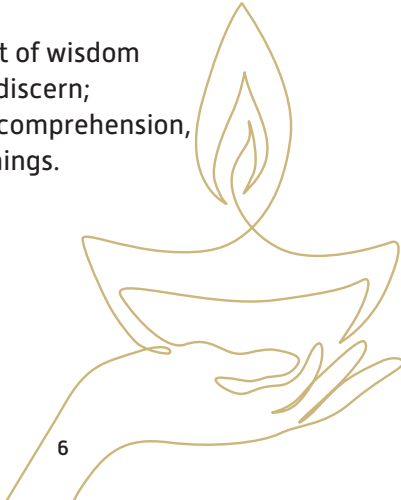
O Holy Fire,
burn in our hearts.
O Holy Water,
flow in our lives
O Holy Spirit,
let our thoughts soar.
O Holy Advocate,
speak to our souls.
O Holy Dove,
fly through our world.
O Holy Love,
inspire us all.

Anton Rotzetter

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Holy Spirit,
 love of the Father and the Son,
 Let me know what I should say,
 and how I should say it.
 Let me know what I should refrain from
 saying; and how I should act.
 Let me know what I should do for the glory
 of God for the good of souls,
 and for my own salvation.

O Holy Spirit,
 I ask You for the gift of wisdom
 to understand and discern;
 Give me the gift of comprehension,
 to understand all things.



Teach me the methods and give me the
 ability to always be able to learn.
 Give me keen wits to correctly interpret
 and differentiate;
 Give me the grace to speak effectively.

O Holy Spirit,
 give me confidence and accuracy
 at the beginning;
 lead and direct me in implementation,
 and give me completeness when I come
 to the end.

AMEN

Pope John Paul II prayed this prayer daily.

SPIRIT OF LIFE

Spirit of life, open my heart
for Your gifts of grace!

Spirit of truth, let me recognize the truth of God
when lost among many opinions!

Spirit of love, transform me,
so that I can truly love!

Spirit of peace, help me
to sow peace and forgiveness!

Spirit of joy, grant me thankfulness
for all that is good and beautiful in my life!



HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, give me the faith
that saves me from despair and vice.
Grant me the love for God and others
that purges all hate and bitterness,
Grant me the hope
that frees me from fear and despondency.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit,
 O Spirit of truth, enlighten me,
 so that I develop a sense of what
 truly matters in my life.
 O Spirit of power,
 strengthen the ground beneath my feet.
 Spirit of freedom, give me liberty to learn
 to serve all in peace and justice.
 Spirit of counsel, entice me
 to set forth on my adventure with God.
 Spirit of knowledge, direct my thoughts
 to passionately respect creation and the created.



O Spirit of prayer, pray in me,
 so that God may express Himself in me.
 O Spirit of the love of God, keep me,
 that I can live in and from hope forever.
 With renewed enthusiasm I seek
 to venture forth and devote myself
 for the coming of Your new kingdom.

Luis Gurndin



COME, HOLY SPIRIT! WE NEED YOU

Come, Holy Spirit! We need You.
The others are waiting for us to speak,
and we are so timid.
Speak out of us, and say the words
that will show them the way.

Come, Holy Spirit! We need You.
We are tired and prefer to crawl away
where we can rest.
Give us the strength to turn to others,
and grant that this may bring them good.

Come, Holy Spirit! We need You.
We take ourselves so seriously.
But when You touch us,
we hear the Father in heaven telling us:
"You are important to me."

Come, Holy Spirit! We need You.
We are in a hurry because
there is still so much to do.
But when we draw near to You,
we have a moment to breathe,
to take in the love of God,
and expel our misery.

Come, Holy Spirit! We need You.
When You touch us,
we see the light of God in the faces
of those around us.

Tilman Beller



BREATH OF GOD

Breath of God, Holy Spirit,
in which I breathe, out of which I breath,
through which I breathe.

Move me, wake me:

Prepare me to serve the poorest.

Motivate me for service in dialogue,
strengthen me to witness to the truth.

Spirit of strength from God, sent from the Father,
announced through the Son, guard me from
overconfidence and arrogance.

Walk alongside me in my daily interactions.

Open my eyes to discover the diversity
of gifts in others.

Protect me from unjust and inappropriate hostility.
Shield me in any confrontation.

Holy Spirit, guardian of Your church,
protect and guide her through the ages.

Let the church not lose anyone along the way.

Let us always stay true to the way of the Church
on our way to You.

Divine Paraclete!

We do not know

what our future will be,

we do not know what challenges we will face.

We do not know whether we will face these moments
with strength or weakness.

But You comfort us with the promise of
Your presence.

You strengthen us with Your gifts.

You defend us with the power of Your love.

Be with us in building the kingdom of God,
in which through You we worship and praise
the Father and the Son, now and forevermore.

Amen

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