

An Invocation to the Holy Spirit

Friends, confident in God's love and care for us,
We now ask God to bless us, indeed the face of the earth,
with a continual and extravagant outpouring of the Holy Spirit:

Please respond, **"Come, Holy Spirit!"**

We call upon the Holy Spirit of Wisdom - that we may seek, come to know, and follow the paths that will lead to fulfillment, wholeness, and holiness for our Church and world... we pray,

We call upon the Holy Spirit of Right Judgment - that we might faithfully grapple with the complex issues of our day while remembering the profound simplicity of the Gospel's call to love, inclusion, and justice... we pray,

We call upon the Holy Spirit of Understanding - that we might open ourselves to her movement as she guides us along our individual and collective journeys... we pray,

We call upon the Holy Spirit of Knowledge - that we might always name and live our truths and seek to know the truths and experiences of others - especially those who are most vulnerable among us...we pray,

We call upon the Holy Spirit of Reverence - that we might first see each person as a beloved child of God and recognize that God is at work in and through each and every one of us ...we pray,

We call upon the Holy Spirit of Courage - that we might work fearlessly for a Church that is alive with the gifts and potential of each member and freed from every sign of fear, ignorance, and oppression...we pray,

We call upon the Holy Spirit of Wonder and Awe - that we might claim the power of the Spirit that rests collectively within us as God's people and choose to extend that power in service of our world and our Church...we pray,

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