



Promise of the Spirit/the Advocate

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you. *John 14:14-16*

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you;
then you are to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea
and Samaria, yes, even to the ends of the earth." *Acts 1:8*

Pentecost and the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

Par'thians and Medes and E'lamites and residents of Mesopota'mia, Judea and Cappado'cia, Pontus and Asia, Phryg'ia and Pamphyl'ia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyre'ne, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" *Acts 2:1-13*



“The Holy Spirit draws us into the mystery
of the living God.

He impels us to open the doors and go
forth to proclaim and bear witness to the
Good News of the Gospel.”

Pope Francis

Ant. The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray; It is the Spirit who prays in us, alleluia.

It is good to sing praise to you,
for you are gracious and merciful;
to you our praise is due.

You, O God, build up Jerusalem;
you gather the outcasts of Israel.
You heal the broken-hearted,
and bind up their wounds.
You fix the number of the stars,
and give to each its name.

You are great and almighty,
your wisdom beyond all measure.
For you lift up the poor and downtrodden,
you put the oppression to rout.
We sing to you with thanksgiving;
make melody upon the lyre!

You cover the heavens with clouds,
you prepare rain for the earth,
make mountains sprout with grass.
You provide beasts with their food,
and the young ravens that cry.
You delight not in the strength of the horse,
nor take pleasure in human indulgence;
but delight in those who revere you,
in those who hope in your love.

Glory be to the Father ...

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John 14:26

... but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Spirit of God ...

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of
your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the gift of the same Holy Spirit we may be always truly wise and
ever rejoice in His consolations, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Blessing

May the enthusiasm of Spirit leap incessantly within you
and help you to live a vibrant life.

May the warmth of Spirit's fire be extended through
your concern and care for all those who need your love.

May the blaze of Spirit's courage enable you
to speak the truth and to stand up for respect, dignity and justice.

May the underlying embers of Spirit's faithfulness
support you when you feel spiritually dry and empty.

May the strength of Spirit's love sustain your hope
as you enter into the pain of the world.

May the clear light of Spirit's guidance
be a force of effective discernment and decision-making for you.

May Spirit's patient endurance be yours
while you wait for what is unknown to be revealed.

May the steady flame of Spirit's goodness within you
convince you every day of the power of your presence with others.

May the joyful fire of Spirit dance within you
and set happiness ablaze in your life.

May the spark of your relationship with Spirit
catch afire in the hearts of those with whom you live and work.

May you be mindful of the Eternal Flame within you.

May you rely on this Source of Love to be your constant ally and steady guide.

Joyce Rupp out of the ordinary

The blessing of God be yours,
the blessing of the beloved Son be yours,
the blessing of the perfect Spirit be yours;
the blessing of the Three
be poured out upon you,
serenely and generously,
today and for ever.

(Kate McIlhagga)

Giftedness

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression 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 mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. ¹
Corinthians 12:4-11

