

## Prayer of Openness to the Holy Spirit.

*Our God of wonder and might, look kindly upon us, your faithful people, as we move and grow through this daily life that we are given. We know that we are not alone on this journey as your Spirit empowers us in each new day. We must, however, take time to listen and reflect on the words of scripture, which can renew and refresh us each day. We are powerfully moved by you, if we just stop and give you the attention that you so want from us. Help us to walk and to not be in such a hurry as we journey in this life. Help us to appreciate the beauty and freshness that give us the passion to live each moment to the fullest. The prophet Isaiah proclaimed, "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me" (Isaiah 61:1). That same Spirit lives deep within each of us, but we sometimes do not realize it. So we ask, for the Spirit to continue to shape us and help us to remain open to the presence and power of our loving god.*

## Spirit Renew Us

L.- Lord, I have not been this way before; please guide and direct my paths.

R.- The Spirit you have placed in me is asking, "will you please wait?"

L.- I sometimes respond with, "I have no time."

R.- But where does this time really come from, anyway? Are you not the provider of all things, great and small?

L.- I may sometimes take more than is mine. I may forget that you are giving me the gift of life.

R.- Help me, dear Lord, by placing your spirit deep within my heart.

L.- If I remain open, the spirit can direct my ways. You know I mess things up at times, when I want to do it my way.

R.- Your Spirit, Lord, can give me the gift of peace, the gift of hope, and the gift of love.

L.- Wouldn't this be far better than what I try to buy with the money I make?

R.- My time, Lord, is so precious. Let me take time to sense the power of you Spirit moving within me.

L.- I look for power to direct the world the way I want – I often fail!

R.- The Spirit knows what is right, why don't I just follow that power?

L.- I could probably do far greater things working with you. But you know the forces of the world around me that are trying to get me to choose things that I don't really need.

R.- I get confused at times, Lord. Be patient with me, I want to try again.

L.- Give me the understanding heart and the open mind that I need.

R.- I really want to see you in everyone and to not condemn others.

L.- I am not perfect, yet I pray the Spirit can form me into the new creation you want me to be.

R.- Walk with me now, Lord; I am ready to take your hand.

L.- We can do far more things together than I could ever do alone.

All - Come Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts !

## **Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit (Advocate) to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples - deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, to perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me...

The Spirit of Wisdom - Give me insight into God's ways.

The Spirit of Understanding - Deepen my grasp of Christian mysteries.

The Spirit of Knowledge - Enlighten me that I may know the things of God.

The Spirit of Counsel (Right Judgment) - Help me to discern and avoid spiritual obstacle.

The Spirit of Fortitude - Help me to obey the Lord even in difficult situations.

The Spirit of Piety (Reverence) - Set my heart aflame with devotion.

The Spirit of Fear of the Lord (Wonder & Awe) - Convince me of God's authority.

Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.