



“How much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.”
Luke 11:13

PURPOSE

The year of prayer is intended to awaken the Holy Spirit in a new and powerful way in our community. During this time we will be praying for the health and growth of our community, as we strive to Love God, Love Our Neighbour and Make Disciples.

The following prayers are intended to awaken the power of the Holy Spirit in your life. They also include a special prayer intention for our parish community. As a parish we ask that you pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our parish community and that His power may be enacted in a new and powerful way in our own lives.

PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit upon the Church. Anoint our parish community, enliven our faith and strengthen our resolve to complete the mission you have entrusted to us. Help us to love you with greater devotion, to fervently love our neighbour and to become disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians, and your servant St. John Bosco, we ask all this in your Holy Name. Come Holy Spirit; renew the face of the earth.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Oh Holy Spirit, You are the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. You are the Spirit of truth, love and holiness, proceeding from the Father and the Son, and equal to Them in all things. I adore You and love You with all my heart. Teach me to know and to seek God, by whom and for whom I was created. Fill my heart with a holy fear and a great love for Him. Give me compunction and patience, and do not let me fall into sin.

“A soul in which the Holy Spirit dwells is never weary in the presence of God;
it gives forth a breath of love” St. John Vianney.

SPECIAL PETITION

Grant me also, O Holy Spirit, Giver of all good gifts, the special favour for which I ask (name special petition), if it be for Your honour and glory and for my well being. Amen.

PRAYER OF SURRENDER

Holy Spirit of light and love, you are the substantial love of the Father and the Son; hear my prayer. Bounteous bestower of most precious gifts, grant me a strong and living faith, which makes me accept all revealed truths and shape my conduct in accord with them. Give me a most confident hope in all divine promises, which prompts me to abandon myself unreservedly to you and your guidance. Infuse into me a love of perfect goodwill, and act according to God's least desires. Make me love not only my friends but my enemies as well, in imitation of Jesus Christ who through you offered himself on the Cross for all people. Holy Spirit, animate, inspire, and guide me, and help me to be always a true follower of you. Amen.

PRAYER FOR HOLINESS

By Saint Augustine

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.

PRAYER TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

O King of glory, send us the Promise of the Father, the Spirit of Truth. May the Counselor Who proceeds from You enlighten us and infuse all truth in us, as You have promised. Holy Spirit, powerful Consoler, sacred Bond of the Father and the Son, Hope of the afflicted, descend into my heart and establish in it Your loving dominion. Enkindle in my soul the fire of Your Love so that I may be wholly subject to You. Come to me, purify me, let no evil desire take possession of me. Come to me, Glory of the living God.

"Let us be guided by the Holy Spirit. Allow him to speak to our hearts and he will tell us this: God is love" Pope Francis.