

CHAPTER 3 PRAYER SERVICE

All: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: As we come together in prayer, we invoke the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray.

All: 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.
Amen.

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. 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. The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit strengthens within us seven traditional gifts. Let us pray for the grace to recognize and use these gifts in response to God's invitation to live as his disciples.

Reader: Our response will be "Come, Holy Spirit." For an increase in reverence and wonder and awe, that we may know and love God in his infinite truth, beauty, and goodness, we pray . . .

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Reader: For an increase in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, that we may see the world the way God sees it, we pray . . .

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Reader: For an increase in right judgment and courage, that we may act to bring about God's kingdom on earth, we pray . . .

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: 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.

Leader: O, God, who, by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.