

Opening Prayer (prayed daily)



In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle 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. Father, You taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. In that Spirit give us Right Judgment and joy of His comfort and guidance. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

First Day. FRIDAY MAY 19

Daily prayer.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons and daughters, and it makes us cry out, "Abba, Father!" The Holy Spirit in ourselves bears united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing His sufferings so as to share his glory.

Second Day. SATURDAY MAY 20

Daily prayer.

Come, Spirit of Wisdom.

Wisdom is mentioned more than 500 times in the Bible. Many times Jesus used the word. It is the gift that strengthens our faith, deepens our hope and helps us live our life with Jesus as the centre. Wisdom makes it easier for us to recognize what is of God so that God's interests will always come first in our daily lives.

Third Day. SUNDAY MAY 21

Daily prayer.

Come, Spirit of Understanding.

Understanding, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, opens our minds to grasp the meaning of the truths of our faith. It enables us to penetrate the inner meaning of revealed truths and through them to be awakened to newness of life -- to be reborn in the Holy Spirit. Our faith becomes alive because we see reality more clearly.

Fourth Day. MONDAY MAY 22

Daily prayer.

Come, Spirit of Right Judgment.

This gift helps us to judge between what should be done, and what should be avoided in our daily life. With the assistance of the gifts of Knowledge and Understanding, Right Judgment is a wonderful help as we try to make decisions in our ordinary, day-to-day lives. The Spirit is resting gently in our hearts to guide us to the proper decisions.

Fifth Day. TUESDAY MAY 23

Daily prayer.

Come Spirit of Courage.

Frequently we link courage and fear in our daily life; both of them are very real. The Gospel uses both words often. When we fear or are frightened we naturally reach out to others for comfort and reassurance. But, it is very important that we reach into our souls where God's Spirit lives.

There we will find the gift of Courage.

Sixth Day. WEDNESDAY MAY 24

Daily prayer.

Come, Spirit of Knowledge.

Everything we are and have must be seen as God sees them: the gift of Knowledge helps us to do that. Pain and suffering without God are fearful and frightening, but when we are aware of the Spirit of God dwelling within us we feel supported and strengthened. By the gift of Knowledge we will see the things that happen to us and around through the eyes of God.

Seventh Day. THURSDAY MAY 25

Daily prayer.

Come, Spirit of Reverence.

The gift of Reverence inspires us to love and respect all people and all things created by him.

Whoever is filled with the gift of Reverence finds the practice of their religion not a burdensome duty but a delightful service.

Eighth Day. FRIDAY MAY 26

Daily prayer.

Come, Spirit of Wonder and Awe.

It is through Wonder and Awe that we come to a greater realization of God's love in our life.

It truly is the beginning of Wisdom. It draws forth from our soul a cry of gratitude that our God really wants to live in us as our Counsellor.

Ninth Day. SATURDAY MAY 27

Daily prayer

Come, Spirit of Love.

One thing Christ repeatedly instructed us to do is to love. "Whoever loves me, my Father and I will love and come to live in." Love of God and love of neighbour were the two great commandments he gave. "If you love me, keep my commandments. I will ask the Father and he will give you the Holy Spirit to live with you forever."

Pentecost. SUNDAY MAY 28

O Lord Jesus Christ,
before ascending into heaven
you promised to send the Holy Spirit
to finish your work
in the souls of your Apostles and Disciples.
Grant that I may be open
to the work of that same Spirit within me.

