

Breathe in Deeply the Gift of God's Spirit

A Prayer Service to Call Upon the Gift of the Holy Spirit

- I. Breathing in the Gift of God's Spirit
- II. Remembrance of and Thanksgiving for God's Many Blessings
- III. Calling Upon the Holy Spirit

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

Left: Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

Right: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

All: 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.

- IV. The Word of God: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:42–47)
- V. Intercessory Prayers

Response: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

- VI. Closing Prayer



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Reflect on the prayer service you have participated in and on the following related questions. Be prepared to share one of your responses with the class.

During this prayer service, as you remembered people, places, and events that are important to you, did you feel that your memory helped to bring those people, places, and events closer to you?

Does the act of remembering important people, places, and events in your life, and then thanking God for them, have a positive effect on you? Explain.

What are some of your special gifts and talents? Acknowledging that these gifts are given to you by God, how might you best use them?

We can call upon the Holy Spirit for guidance. What type of guidance would help you the most right now?

Many Christians are given special gifts of the Holy Spirit called *charisms*. If you could receive one special gift that would help you to make a difference in the world, or even to your family and friends, what gift would you ask for? Have you ever asked the Holy Spirit for that gift?

