

We pray "Come, Holy Spirit, come" but what does it mean? Is it a heartfelt invitation for the Holy Spirit to enter our lives? A seeking of guidance and renewal of our hearts? This prayer expresses a deep desire for God's presence, wisdom, strength, and transformation. It reflects the same longing experienced by the apostles at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit empowered them to live boldly and share their faith.

Praying this way is not just about asking for divine help or experience; it's also an act of surrender - opening oneself to the Spirit's work and inspiration. By repeating the prayer, "Come, Holy Spirit, come," we renew our connection with God and seek a fresh outpouring of grace through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

*What is one thing you've experienced about the Holy Spirit?
Is there a song, image, or word that comes to mind when you think of the Holy Spirit?*

Read John 14:16–17, Acts 1:8 and 2:1–4, Galatians 5:22–23

1. How do you understand the role of the Holy Spirit from these passages? What other passages would you choose to help understand the role of the Spirit?
2. In Acts 1:8, what did Jesus promise the Spirit would empower us to do? In your life, where do you need the Spirit's power most?

3. Which fruit of the Spirit do you see in your life right now? Which do you long to grow in?
4. Can you share a time when you felt led or comforted by the Holy Spirit?
5. What does it practically look like to say, "Come, Holy Spirit" in your life?
6. What hinders us from being open to the Holy Spirit? (see Ephesians 4:30)
7. How can we differentiate the voice of the Holy Spirit from our own thoughts or feelings?
8. How has the Bible helped you in discerning the Spirit's guidance?
9. Spend some time together praying and waiting on the Spirit, praying, come Holy Spirit come.

Prayer Points

Please pray for the conflict in Ukraine, the refugees that are displaced all over the world. Pray for those who have fled war-torn conflicts, especially pray for those who are Christians.

Give thanks to God for the training of 100 disciple makers in North Africa. Pray that God will help them train a further 200 disciple makers and lead them to people of peace.

Sermon Notes



BIBLE STUDY

June 8th 2025

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost is a significant Christian celebration that occurs 50 days after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as described in Acts 2. This event marked the birth of the Christian Church and empowered the first Christians to begin preaching the Gospel to all nations. On Pentecost, they spoke in different languages, enabling people from various backgrounds to understand their message. This miraculous event emphasised the universality of the Christian message and the unity of believers through the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is often associated with symbols like wind, fire, and a dove - each representing aspects of the Holy Spirit's presence and power. Pentecost reminds us of the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit and the mission to spread the gospel truth throughout the world.

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