

If anyone would like to offer a prayer intention, please do so ...

... Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray together the Lord's Prayer, *Our Father...*

Final Prayer

As our time of prayer together comes to an end we say together ...

If the Blessed Sacrament IS exposed

Lord Jesus, thank you for this time we have spent in your presence. Thank you for the many gifts we have received by the grace of the Spirit.

We ask that you help us to realise our special gifts from the great variety of ministries and charisms. May we use them for the good of the Church.

Confident of your unending love, we place our prayer before you. Amen

If the Blessed Sacrament is NOT exposed

Loving Father, thank you for this time we have spent in your presence. Thank you for the many gifts you have given us. We ask that you help us to realise our special gifts from the great variety of ministries and charisms.

May we use them for the good of the church. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

A reading to take home for further reflection and prayer.

'When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; they separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.'


Acts 2: 1-4


Receive the Holy Spirit A Holy Hour



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Booklet Five

Holy Hour Five
Receive the Holy Spirit

Prayer focus: Tonight we contemplate the action of the Holy Spirit. We recognise how the Spirit has been present and active throughout history - in creation, through the prophets, through Mary, through the apostles at Pentecost, and in and through our own lives.

Suggested hymns:

Abba Father, send your Spirit; All that I am, all that I do; Come Holy Ghost, Creator come; Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; I the Lord of sea and sky; Oh living water; Send forth your spirit; Send me Jesus, send me Jesus; Spirit of the living God; Take me Lord, use my life; Take my life and let it be; The gift of the Holy Spirit; The Spirit lives to set us free; Veni Sanctus Spiritus; We shall draw water joyfully; Will you let me be your servant?

Welcome and introduction (3 mins)

Hymn or music (3 mins)

Scripture reading Genesis 2: 7 (2 mins)

God breathed life into man and woman

PAUSE (1 min)

Reflection
(Pause after every point)

- Loving Father, thank you that it is your breath which brings us life.
- Thank you for breathing your spirit, the spirit of life, into each one of us.
- Thank you that your spirit continues to rest on us, as it did on the first peoples.
- In the silence now, let us ask God to breathe into each one of us afresh, the breath of life.

Silent prayer (5 mins)

Scripture 1 Cor 12: 4-11 (2 mins)

Variety of gifts; one spirit

PAUSE (1 min)

Reflection
(Pause after every point) (4 mins)

- Holy Spirit, thank you for all the gifts that you have given to each one of us.
- Thank you that in our community, there are a variety of gifts but always the same spirit to be found.
- We know and believe that you have given each one of us, personally, gifts to be used in your service and in the service of others.
- In the silence of our hearts, we ask you to reveal these gifts to us now.

Silent Prayer (5 mins)

Hymn (3 mins)

Reading Acts 2: 1-4 (3 mins)

Pentecost—the descent of the Holy Spirit

PAUSE (1 min)

Reflection (2 mins)
(Pause after every point)

- Loving Spirit, we thank you for the graces we received on **our** Pentecost day, on the occasion of our Confirmation.
- Fill our church, our community, our family, our very selves with the fire of your Spirit.
- Come Holy Spirit, come.

Silent prayer (10 mins)

Litany of praise and intercession (4 mins)

Holy Spirit, as the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, we praise you,
Spirit, we praise and thank you for your love.

Thank you for your gifts active in our lives today,
Spirit, we praise and thank you for your love.

Thank you for the gift of the sacrament of confirmation,
Spirit, we praise and thank you for your love.

Lord, we ask you for every blessing on our family and friends,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we bring before you all the needs of our parish and Church,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you to bless all those you call to married life and all lay single people in their daily lives and commitments,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask for the grace to become your evangelising witnesses in thought, word and action,
Lord, hear our prayer.