

## The Holy Spirit

### Week One

#### Prayers To and For The Holy Spirit

From *Lutheran Service Book*:

Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, of Your great mercy in Jesus Christ You have granted us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your fatherly mercy, may serve You in holiness and pureness of living and may give You continual thanks for all Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks that of Your great goodness and mercy Your only-begotten Son became incarnate to redeem us from sin and everlasting death. Enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may forever give You thanks for Your grace and be strengthened in all times of tribulation and temptation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, You gave Your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification. By Your Holy Spirit grant us newness of life that through the power of Christ's resurrection we may dwell with Him forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, by the blessed light of Your divine Word You have led us to the knowledge of Your Son. Grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may ever walk in the light of Your truth and, rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ, our Savior, be brought unto everlasting salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord God, heavenly Father, let Your Holy Spirit dwell in us that He may enlighten and lead us into all truth and evermore defend us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*St. Augustine's prayer for the Holy Spirit:*

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.

Come Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your Divine Love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. Oh God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructed the hearts of the faithful, Grant, that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## The Holy Spirit in the Bible

### *The Old Testament*

Hebrew *ruach*: breath, wind, spirit, life, Spirit

Presence at Creation: Genesis 1:2, 2:7

Holy Spirit: Isaiah 63:10-12; Psalm 51:11

A New Spirit: Ezekiel 36:24-27, 37:1-14

Pouring out the Spirit: Joel 2:28-32

The Spirit of/in the Messiah: Isaiah 11:1-3, 42:1, 61:1

Anointing/filling with the Spirit: Deuteronomy 34:9

### *The New Testament*

Greek *pneuma*: breath, wind, spirit, Spirit, (evil) spirit(s)

Jesus' Baptism: Matt 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22

The Paraclete/Counsellor: John 14-17

Paul: 1 Corinthians 12-14, Romans 8, Ephesians

Luke-Acts

The Trinity: Matt 28:19. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 2 Corinthians 13:14