

# The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

## Come Spirit of Wisdom

*O Lord you are great and powerful, your wisdom beyond all telling.*<sup>1</sup> In your kindness and generosity send down upon me, who trusts in you, the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen me in following Christ. *On the way to wisdom only you can direct me.*<sup>2</sup> Guide me into having a gentle heart where wisdom will rest.<sup>3</sup> Remind me to keep serious thought of Wisdom as that brings the perfection of prudence.<sup>4</sup> *It is much better to acquire wisdom than gold!*<sup>5</sup>



## Come Spirit of Knowledge

Father all-wise and knowing, *you have probed me and you know me.*<sup>13</sup> Grant that the Holy Spirit may impart upon me *gentleness out of which knowledge is born*[(3),p.61], that I may better be able to love and serve those I encounter in life. *Give me an understanding heart and fill it with wisdom and knowledge.*<sup>14</sup> *Without knowledge even my zeal is not good.*<sup>15</sup> Just as a tree cannot reach towards the heavens without water so my heart cannot be raised up without knowledge of the “living water.”<sup>16</sup> *True knowledge is a feast of God* [(3),p.43], and as a *crown is for the head, knowledge of God is a crown for the heart* [(3), p.39].

## Come Spirit of Understanding

Father in heaven, with your unfailing help I shall understand your ways. I desire to *get wisdom, get understanding,*<sup>6</sup> *at the cost of all I have.*<sup>7</sup> *Grant me discernment that I may learn your commands*<sup>8</sup> and your holy purposes. *To acquire understanding is more desirable than silver.* (5)

## Come Spirit of Counsel

Father all-knowing, send upon me *a spirit of counsel and strength,*<sup>9</sup> and *prudence to purify my heart* [(3), p. 71]. You sent your only Son for our salvation, and told us to *listen to him.*<sup>10</sup> Inspire me with His gift of *counsel to guide me*<sup>11</sup> into doing what is best.

## Come Spirit of Fortitude

Father all-powerful, help me overcome my weaknesses with the help of the Holy Spirit. I need courage to bolster my human frailty. Wisdom’s works are virtues; *She teaches moderation and prudence, justice and fortitude.*<sup>12</sup>

## Come Spirit of Piety

Father most holy, help me to *dedicate myself to justice and reap the fruit of piety.*<sup>17</sup> The grace of the Holy Spirit will help me *persevere to piety*<sup>18</sup> and lead a *tranquil life in perfect piety and dignity.*<sup>19</sup> This same grace humbles me before the sanctity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Confirm me in the Spirit by the gift of piety.

## Come Spirit of Fear

Father of Christ and our Father fill me with awe and reverence and fear which also is a gift of the Holy Spirit. *The fear of the Lord is training for wisdom*<sup>20</sup> and your unimagined power is often forgotten because of your divine gentleness and mercy. Inspire me to serve You and neighbor in a fitting way.

The Holy Spirit scrutinizes all matters,  
even the deep things of God.(1 Corinthians 2:10)

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<sup>1</sup> Psalm 147:5

<sup>2</sup> Proverbs 4:11

<sup>3</sup> *The Mind’s Long Journey to the Holy Trinity,*  
The Ad Monachos of Evagrius Ponticas, J.  
Driscoll, Liturgical Press, 1991, p.40.

<sup>4</sup> Wisdom 6:15

<sup>5</sup> Proverbs 16:16

<sup>6</sup> Proverbs 4:5

<sup>7</sup> Proverbs 4:7

<sup>8</sup> Psalm 119:73

<sup>9</sup> Isaiah 11:2

<sup>10</sup> Mark 9:7

<sup>11</sup> Psalm 73:24

<sup>12</sup> Wisdom 8:7

<sup>13</sup> Psalm 139:1

<sup>14</sup> Sirach 17:6

<sup>15</sup> Proverbs 19:2

<sup>16</sup> John 4:10

<sup>17</sup> Hosea 10:12

<sup>18</sup> 2 Peter 1:6

<sup>19</sup> 1 Timothy 2:2

<sup>20</sup> Proverbs 15:33