

Prayer Space N° 16 May 2021



St Paul brings to us this promise:

'Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father.'" (Gal 4:6)

May this eternal truth be always on our hearts that the God who breathed this world into being, placed stars into the heavens, and designed a butterfly's wing, is the God who entrusted his son to the care of ordinary people, became vulnerable that we might know how strong is the wonder of Love.

A mystery so deep it is impossible to grasp,  
A mystery so beautiful it is impossible to ignore.

Holy Spirit, we welcome you,  
Holy Spirit, we welcome you!  
Move among us with holy fire,  
as we lay aside all earthly desire,  
hands reach out and our hearts aspire.  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
Holy Spirit, we welcome you!

Holy Spirit, we welcome you,  
Holy Spirit, we welcome you!  
Let the breeze of your presence blow,  
that your children here might truly know  
how to move in the Spirit's flow.  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
Holy Spirit, we welcome you!

Holy Spirit, we welcome you,  
Holy Spirit, we welcome you!  
Please accomplish in us today  
some new work of loving grace, we pray --  
unreservedly -- have your way.  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
Holy Spirit, we welcome you!

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Your Spirit of creativity and power, visible within the created world through changing seasons,  
morning and evening, sunrise and sunset.

Creating Spirit, Creator God Breathe upon us now.

Your Spirit of life and fire, visible throughout history, empowering prophets of old, ordinary people  
called to live extraordinary lives.

Creating Spirit, Creator God Breathe upon us now.

Your Spirit of love and forgiveness, visible in the life of your Son, from conception to death and  
glorious resurrection.

Creating Spirit, Creator God Breathe upon us now.

Your Spirit of power and witness, gift of Jesus to the world 'You will be my witnesses to the ends of  
the earth'

Creating Spirit, Creator God Breathe upon us now.

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In a moment of quiet contemplation, bring to God those moments of the past week that lie heavy on your heart. (Silence)

Bring to God those times when you could have been the touch of Christ to someone in need. (Silence)

Hear the comforting words of Scripture:

'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.' 1 John 1:9

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I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene  
And wonder how He could love me  
A sinner condemned, unclean.

How marvellous, how wonderful  
and my song will ever be.  
How marvellous, how wonderful  
is my Saviour's love for me.

He took my sins and my sorrows  
He made them his very own  
He bore the burden of Calvary  
He suffered and died alone.

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How marvellous.....

When with ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see.  
It will be my joy through the ages  
to sing of His love for me.

How marvellous.....

Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

A time of quiet as we bring to God our prayers for others. . . .

Lord we bring to you the unspoken prayers of our hearts, all we have prayed for tonight. May we, and they, know your Spirit upon them.

Fill us with your Spirit, that our faith might be enriched.  
Fill us with your Spirit that our lives might be empowered.  
Fill us with your Spirit that our witness might be emboldened.  
Fill us with your Spirit, that your name might be glorified. Amen

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*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
gentle as is the dove,  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love.*

You spoke to us long, long ago,  
gave us the written word;  
we read it still, needing its truth,  
through it God's voice is heard.

Without your help we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live his way;  
we need your power,  
we need your strength,  
following Christ each day.

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