

The Spirit and Bride say, "Come!"

THE LITANY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
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Father all-powerful, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, Eternal Son of the Father,
Redeemer of the world, *save us.*
Spirit of the Father and the Son, boundless
life of both, *sanctify us.*
Holy Trinity, *hear us.*
Holy Spirit, Who proceedest from the
Father and the Son, *enter our hearts.*
Holy Spirit, Who art equal to the Father
and the Son, *enter our hearts.*

Promise of God the Father,
* *have mercy on us.*
Ray of heavenly light, *
Author of all good, *
Source of heavenly water Consuming
fire*
Ardent charity,*
Spiritual unction,*
Spirit of love and truth,*
Spirit of wisdom and understanding,*
Spirit of counsel and fortitude,*
Spirit of knowledge and piety,*
Spirit of the fear of the Lord,*
Spirit of grace and prayer,*
Spirit of peace and meekness,*
Spirit of modesty and innocence,*
Holy Spirit, the Comforter,*
Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier,*
Holy Spirit, Who governest the Church
Gift of God, the Most High,*
Spirit Who fillest the universe,*
Spirit of the adoption of the children of
God,*

Holy Spirit, *inspire us with horror of sin.*
Holy Spirit, *come and renew the face of
the earth.*
Holy Spirit, *shed Thy light in our souls.*
Holy Spirit, *engrave Thy law in our
hearts.*
Holy Spirit, *inflame us with the flame of
Thy love.*
Holy Spirit, *open to us the treasures of
Thy graces.*
Holy Spirit, *teach us to pray well.*
Holy Spirit, *enlighten us with Thy
heavenly inspirations.*

Holy Spirit, *lead us in the way of
salvation.*
Holy Spirit, *grant us the only necessary
knowledge.*
Holy Spirit, *inspire in us the practice of
good.*
Holy Spirit, *grant us the merits of all
virtues.*
Holy Spirit, *make us persevere in justice.*
Holy Spirit, *be Thou our everlasting
reward.*



Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins
of the world, *Send us Thy Holy Spirit.*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins
of the world, *pour down into our souls
the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins
of the world, *grant us the Spirit of
wisdom and piety.*

V. Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of
Thy faithful,
R. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy
love.

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Father,
that Thy Divine Spirit may enlighten,
inflame and purify us,
that He may penetrate us with His

heavenly dew and make us fruitful in good
works, through Our Lord Jesus Christ,
Thy Son, Who with Thee, in the unity of
the same Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one
God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.

CALLED TO LIVE THE FREEDOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ADVENT ~GALATIANS 5:13-26

For you were called for freedom, brothers
and sisters. But do not use this freedom as
an opportunity for the flesh; rather,
serve one another through love.
For the whole law is fulfilled in one
statement, namely, "You shall love your
neighbor as yourself." But if you go on
biting and devouring one another, beware
that you are not consumed by one another.

I say, then: live by the Spirit and you will
certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh.
For the flesh has desires against the Spirit,
and the Spirit against the flesh; these are
opposed to each other, so that you may not
do what you want. But if you are guided
by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are obvious:
immorality, impurity, licentiousness,
idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry,
jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfish-
ness, dissensions, factions, occasions of
envy, drinking bouts, orgies, and the like.
I warn you, as I warned you before, that
those who do such things will not inherit
the kingdom of God.

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
Against such there is no law.

Now those who belong to Christ [Jesus]
have crucified their flesh with its passions
and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us
also follow the Spirit. Let us not be con-
cited, provoking one another, envious of
one another.

"The Holy Spirit teaches us to see with the eyes of Christ, to live life as Christ lived, to understand life as Christ understood it. That is why the living water, who is the Holy Spirit, quenches our life, why he tells us that we are loved by God as children, that we can love God as his children and that by his grace we can live as children of God, like Jesus. And we, do we listen to the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit tell us? He says: God loves you. He tells us this. God loves you, God likes you. Do we truly love God and others, as Jesus does? Let us allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit, let us allow him to speak to our heart and say this to us: God is love, God is waiting for us, God is Father, he loves us as a true father loves, he loves us truly and only the Holy Spirit can tell us this in our hearts. Let us hear the Holy Spirit, let us listen to the Holy Spirit and may we move forward on this path of love, mercy and forgiveness."

- Pope Francis, General Audience, May 8, 2013

*Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in us the fire of
Your love.*

ADVENT WREATH TABLE PRAYER

As we make the Sign of the Cross, the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R/. Who made heaven and earth.

A song may be sung as someone lights the candle(s). The rose candle is lighted during the Third Week of Advent.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

R./ Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things, far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go. R./

Opening Prayer

Open our minds and our hearts, O Lord, to hear your word of promise! Send us the Holy Spirit to guide us through these holy days. Quiet our worries and anxieties and help us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ who is Lord for ever and ever. R/. Amen.

Scripture Reading (chosen from the daily readings or from below).

The First Week: Isaiah 9:1-6

The Second Week: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

The Third Week: Luke 1:39-45

The Fourth Week: John 1:1-5, 9-14

A reflection may be shared about the Reading.

Concluding Prayer

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

To conclude, we make the Sign of the Cross, saying:

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil,
and bring us everlasting life. R/. Amen.

DAILY READINGS FOR ADVENT

"Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path."

- Psalm 119:105

FIRST WEEK

Sunday	Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday	Isaiah 2:1-5
Tuesday	Psalm 72
Wednesday	Isaiah 25:6-10
Thursday	Matthew 7:21-27
Friday	Psalm 27
Saturday	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

SECOND WEEK

Sunday	Philippians 1:4-11
Monday	Psalm 85
Tuesday	Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday	Zechariah 2:14-17
Thursday	Psalm 145
Friday	Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48:1-11

THIRD WEEK

Sunday	Zephaniah 3:14-18
Monday	Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Tuesday	Jeremiah 23:5-8
Wednesday	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25
Thursday	Isaiah 7:10-14
Friday	Luke 1:5-25
Saturday	Luke 1:26-38

FOURTH WEEK

Sunday	Micah 5:1-4
Monday	Song of Songs 2:8-14
Tuesday	Luke 1:57-66
Wednesday	Luke 1:67-79