

# Celebrating the Gift of the Holy Spirit

## Ascension Thursday to Pentecost Sunday

*This celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit is prayed on nine consecutive days from the Ascension until Pentecost. It may be said alone or as a family.*

### LEADER

Lord, send out your spirit and renew our family and our world.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to give new sight to the blind, to free the oppressed and to announce the Lord's year of mercy.  
(Luke 4:18-19)

### ALL

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of each one of us with the fire of your love.

### PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*(Leader or family members offer prayers.)*

Holy Spirit, grant us your gift of wisdom so that we may know that all life comes from you and, therefore, is sacred.

Holy Spirit, grant us your gift of understanding so that we may see and accept ourselves as we are.

Holy Spirit, grant us your gift of counsel so that we may seek out help from others especially when we are in need.

Holy Spirit, grant us your gift of fortitude so that we may have the courage to do what is right and just.

Holy Spirit, grant us your gift of knowledge so that we may have a burning desire to seek the truth about ourselves.

Holy Spirit, grant us your gift of piety so that our relationship with you will be awakened.

Holy Spirit, grant us your gift of fear of the Lord so that someday we will stand before you in judgment for what we have done in response to the poor and hurting.

### LEADER

Let us pray silently for ourselves, for those close to us, and for any person who is in special need of the Spirit's protection and guidance.

*Petitions may be private, or may be shared aloud.)*

God, we are children led by the Spirit and so we cry out "Abba." Thank you for sending forth your Spirit to be with us at all times, for calling us your sons and daughters. Thank you for leading us out of the slavery of our own fears, and for loving and healing us. May we always give witness to the power of your Spirit in our lives and may we never separate ourselves from you.

### ALL

Amen.