

INVOCATION – COME, HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit Creator, and pour into us the strength and the breath of Jesus. Without your inspiration and grace, we will never believe in Him; we will never learn to follow in His footsteps; the church will not be renewed and our hope will fade. Come and share with us the vital Spirit of Jesus.

Come, Holy Spirit, and remind us about all the good words that Jesus spoke. Without your light and witness about Him, we shall, little by little, forget the good face of God; the gospel will become like dead language, and the church will not be able to bring the Good News. Come and teach us to listen only to Jesus.

Come, Spirit of Truth, and help us walk in the truth of Jesus. Without your light and guidance, we shall never be freed from our own errors and lies; we shall not bring out anything new or true; we will be like blind people leading other blind. Come, and make of us true disciples and witnesses of Jesus.

Come, Spirit of the Father, and teach us to cry to God "Abba!" as Jesus did. Without your warmth and joy, we will live like orphans who have lost their father; we shall invoke his name with our lips, not with our hearts; our prayers will be empty words. Come and teach us to pray in the words and the heart of Jesus.

Come, Good Spirit, and bring us into Jesus' project of the *Kingdom of God*. Without your renewing strength, no one will change our tired hearts; we will never muster enough strength to build a more humane world, as God wants; within your church, the last will never be first; we shall continue to be pleased with our bourgeois Church. Come, and make us partners in Jesus' project.

Come, Spirit of Love, and teach us to love one another the way Jesus loved. Without his living presence among us, communion within our Church will cease; the hierarchy and the people will get further apart; there will be divisions, less dialogue and intolerance will grow. Come, Spirit, and bring life into our hearts so that our hands may show and spread the brotherly love Jesus taught us.

Come, Liberating Spirit, and remind us about Jesus who came to liberate us and to continue helping others to be free. Without your strength and truth, our joyful following of Jesus will become a pack of slaves; we won't know the joy of life, but only the selfishness that kills; there will be no in us freedom to help our children of God to grow and we shall, time and again, become victims of fear, cowardice and fanaticism. Come, Holy Spirit, and imbibe in us the freedom of Jesus!

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