

Prayer for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

(Can be used at the beginning of a meeting or at the beginning of a new term.)

Leader: In the Name of the Father.....Amen.

Thank you, Father, for the gift of life and the gift of this day. We come together as sisters in Christ to hear Your voice and to lift our hearts to You. Lord Jesus, before ascending into heaven, You promised to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your apostles and disciples. Grant us the gift of Your Holy Spirit. Perfect us in your love and fill us with Your grace that we may be made fit and ready for service.

Member 1 Grant us the Spirit of Wisdom - - help us to live wisely. In all things, make us prudent. Help us to make good choices for our families, for ourselves, and in what we do for others. In what we gather and in what we share, in our work and in our relaxation, in what we use and in what we save, help us to be good stewards of all that You provide. Keep us from hoarding for the sake of hoarding. Things are not You.

Member 2 Grant us the Spirit of Understanding - - help us to live compassionately. Keep us from condemnation of ourselves and others. Help us to overlook human weaknesses and failings. Make us generous with praise, gentle in criticism, and forgiving of short comings. Help us to build bridges between people and to fight for the poor and the marginalized of society. In small things and in great ones, the key is love.

Member 3 Grant us the Spirit of Counsel - - help us to live truthfully. Help us not to give advice but to share the truth based on

your Word. Advice is easy; living as you call us to live is much harder but much more valuable to the Body of Christ. Teach us to share our faith with joy and with enthusiasm. Make us living witnesses of our faith in You.

Member 4 Grant us the Spirit of Fortitude - - help us to live bravely. Help us to know that when we face obstacles, You face them with us. In the darkest times, You light our way. When we are in danger of going under, You walk across the waters of turmoil to save us. You have loved us with an everlasting love. We trust in You. We are Yours.

Member 5 Grant us the Spirit of Knowledge - - help us to live attentively. In the quietness of waiting, in answer to our prayers, You show us how to serve You. Reveal to us the gifts we have been given and command us to use them to serve your people. Out of the knowledge of Your will comes our life's work. Help us to hear Your voice.

Member 6 Grant us the Spirit of Piety - - help us to live reverently. All we have and all that we see is your gift to us. Our gift to You is to enjoy the beauty of the world around us and to be grateful for the people You have put in our lives. Teach us to live in the moment and to enjoy being where we are—right now---which is exactly where You want us to be.

Member 7 Grant us the Spirit of Fear of the Lord- - Help us to live, as much as we humans can, in recognition of Your awesomeness. You are our Creator and our God. “In You we live and breathe and have our being.” One of Your most amazing gifts to us is Your willingness to let us know You so

that we can love You. Call us to sit at Your feet and help us to respond to that call.

Leader: Speak, Lord. Your servants are listening.....(pause)...

Lord, make us aware that You are in our midst. Your Word says, "Ask and you shall receive." Help us to know that You have answered our prayers and that the Spirit of God is here, leading us into service. Guide us as we discuss the work of our order. In all things, make us aware that it is not our will but Yours that is important. Bless and perfect our plans so that all we do may be for Your honor and for Your Glory.

Amen.

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