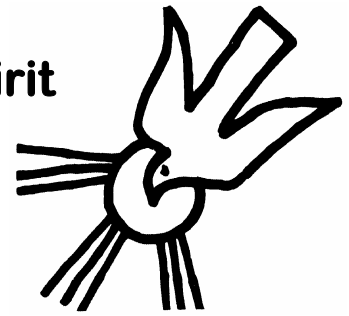


Opening Prayer to the Holy Spirit



Together:

Dear God, give us the courage and strength today to carry out your will. May we keep an open heart and mind, and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit. When life presents us with challenges that consume us, let us know that you are always present with us. May we feel the comfort of your unconditional love. Keep us strong and confident in all that we say and do. **Amen**

Bible Reading ~ Proverbs 16:1-3 ~

We may make our plans, but God has the last word. You may think very thing you do is right, but the Lord judges your motives. Ask the Lord to bless your plans, and you will be successful in carrying them out.

Together:

Dear God, may we always recognize you as the source of our gifts. Help us to develop them in full appreciation of your love for us. Keep us strong so we may have the will power and discipline to make the sacrifices necessary to be the best we can be. Help us remember those who need our time and talents. May we be willing to share them for the benefit of others.

God our Savior, help us recognize the opportunities we are given each day to make a difference in the lives of those around us. Give us the insight and the confidence to seize these opportunities. May we feel the peace that comes with bringing justice to others. May we feel the comfort that comes with reaching out to others. By believing in ourselves and in our abilities help us make a difference in the world. **Amen**