

*We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.*

*Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.*

*Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.*

*You desire justice for all; enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor.*

*Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true.*

*As we gather in your name, may we temper justice with love, so that all our discussions and reflections may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants.*

*We ask this of You, who live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*



*Heavenly Father,*

*Pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire me with these words from Holy Scripture.*

*Stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith and deepen my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ so that I might truly believe in and live the Good News.*

*Open my heart to hear the Gospel and grant me the confidence to proclaim the Good News to others.*

*Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go forth and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life through my words and actions.*

*In moments of hesitation, remind me:*

*If not me, then who will proclaim the Gospel?*

*If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed?*

*If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall I proclaim?*

*God, our Father, I pray that through the Holy Spirit I might hear the call of the New Evangelization to deepen my faith, grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

