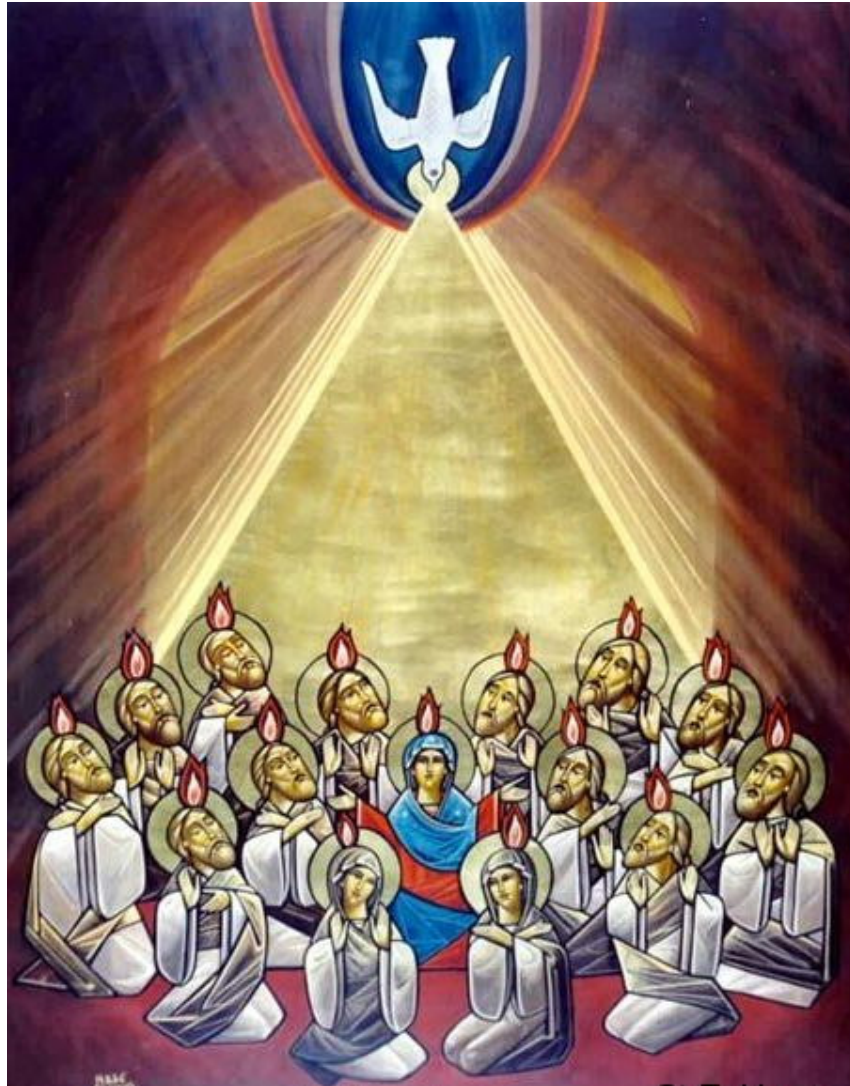


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Friday of Sixth Week of Easter: The Coming of the Spirit

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
ALL: And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Leader: Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
ALL: And you shall renew the face of the earth.
Leader: Let your faithful people pursue what they must desire above all things:
ALL: To have the Spirit of the Lord and his holy manner of working (2R10:8).

Scripture Reading: Rom 8:14-17

**A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans:
Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you received a spirit of adoption,
through which we cry, "Abba, Father!"
and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,
if only we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him.
The Word of the Lord.**

Response:

Leader: Alleluia! (*perhaps sung*)
ALL: Alleluia!
Leader: The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, says the Lord,
to be with you forever (Jn 14:16).
ALL: Alleluia!
Leader: The Spirit of truth will be witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses (Jn 15:26,27).
ALL: Alleluia!
Leader: When the Spirit of truth comes, he will teach you all truth,
and bring to your mind all I have told you (Jn 16:33;14:26).
ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Those to whom the Lord has given the grace of working should do their work
faithfully and devotedly
**ALL: So that, avoiding idleness, the enemy of the soul, they do not
extinguish the Spirit of holy prayer and devotion to which all other
things of our earthly existence must contribute** (2R 51-2).

Leader: Let us pray together:
**ALL: Loving God,
may the Helper,
the Spirit who comes from you,
fill our hearts with light
and lead us to all truth
as your Son promised,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Leader: Fear and honor, praise and bless, give thanks and adore
the Lord God Almighty in Trinity and in Unity,
**ALL: The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
The Creator of All** (1R 21:2). **Alleluia!**

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Saturday of Sixth Week of Easter: Wisdom

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people with *wisdom*,
ALL: And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Leader: Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
ALL: And you shall renew the face of the earth.
Leader: Let your faithful people pursue what they must desire above all things:
ALL: To have the Spirit of the Lord and his holy manner of working (2R10:8).

Scripture Reading: Wis 7:24-8:1

**A reading from the Book of Wisdom:
Wisdom is mobile beyond all motion,
and she penetrates and pervades all things
by reason of her purity.
For she is an aura of the might of God
and a pure effusion of the glory of the Almighty;
therefore nought that is sullied enters into her.
For she is the refulgence of eternal light,
the spotless mirror of the power of God,
the image of his goodness.
And she, who is one, can do all things,
and renews everything while herself perduring;
And passing into holy souls from age to age,
she produces friends of God and prophets.
For there is nought God loves,
be it not one who dwells with Wisdom.
For she is fairer than the sun
and surpasses every constellation of the stars.
Compared to light, she takes precedence;
for that, indeed, night supplants,
but wickedness prevails not over Wisdom.
Indeed, she reaches from end to end mightily
and governs all things well.
The Word of the Lord.**

Response:

Leader: Alleluia! (*perhaps sung*)

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart (Ps 90:12).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: The mouth of the just tells of wisdom, and their tongues utter what is right.
The law of God is in their hearts, and their steps do not falter (Ps 37:30-31).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: My mouth shall speak wisdom;
prudence shall be the utterance of my heart (Ps 49:4).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Those to whom the Lord has given the grace of working should do their work
faithfully and devotedly

**ALL: So that, avoiding idleness, the enemy of the soul, they do not
extinguish the Spirit of holy prayer and devotion to which all other
things of our earthly existence must contribute (2R 51-2).**

Leader: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Come, O Spirit of Wisdom,
and reveal to our souls the mystery of heavenly things,
their exceeding greatness, power and beauty
so that we may see all things as you see them.**

**Teach us to love them
above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth.
Help us to attain them and possess them for ever.
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Leader: Fear and honor, praise and bless, give thanks and adore
the Lord God Almighty in Trinity and in Unity,

**ALL: The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
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Sunday of the Seventh Week of Easter (Ascension): Understanding

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people with *understanding*,
ALL: And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Leader: Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
ALL: And you shall renew the face of the earth.
Leader: Let your faithful people pursue what they must desire above all things:
ALL: To have the Spirit of the Lord and his holy manner of working (2R10:8).

Scripture Reading: 1 Kgs 3:9-14

A reading from the First Book of Kings:

Solomon prayed:

**“Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart
to judge your people
and to distinguish right from wrong.**

For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?”

The Lord was pleased that Solomon made this request.

So God said to him:

“Because you have asked for this

--not for a long life for yourself,

nor for riches,

nor for the life of your enemies,

but for understanding

so that you may know what is right

--I do as you requested.

I give you a heart so wise and understanding

that there has never been anyone like you up to now,

and after you there will come no one to equal you.

In addition, I give you what you have not asked for,

such riches and glory that among kings there is not your like.

**And if you follow me by keeping my statutes and commandments,
as your father David did,**

I will give you a long life.”

The Word of the Lord.

Response:

Leader: Alleluia! (*perhaps sung*)

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Give me understanding,
And I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart.
You hand made me and formed me;
give me understanding to learn your commands.

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: I gain understanding from your precepts;
give me discernment that I may understand your precepts.

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: May my cry come before you, O Lord,
give me understanding according to your word (Ps 119).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Those to whom the Lord has given the grace of working should do their work
faithfully and devotedly

**ALL: So that, avoiding idleness, the enemy of the soul, they do not
extinguish the Spirit of holy prayer and devotion to which all other
things of our earthly existence must contribute (2R 51-2).**

Leader: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Come, O Spirit of Understanding,
and enlighten our minds
that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation.
May we come to see the eternal light in your light
through the light of the Church.
In the light of your glory may we have a clear vision of you.
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Leader: Fear and honor, praise and bless, give thanks and adore
the Lord God Almighty in Trinity and in Unity,

**ALL: The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
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Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter: Knowledge

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people with *knowledge*,

ALL: And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Leader: Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

ALL: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Leader: Let your faithful people pursue what they must desire above all things:

ALL: To have the Spirit of the Lord and his holy manner of working (2R10:8).

Scripture Reading: Wis 7:17-22

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom:

**God gave me sound knowledge of existing things,
that I might know the organization of the universe
and the force of its elements,**

**The beginning and the end and the midpoint of times,
the changes in the sun's course
and the variations of the seasons.**

**Cycles of years,
positions of the stars,
natures of animals,
tempers of beasts,
powers of the winds
thoughts of people,
uses of plants,
and virtues of roots –**

**Such things as are hidden I learned
and such as are plain;
for Wisdom, the artificer of all, taught me.**

**For in her is a spirit
intelligent, holy, unique,
manifold, subtle, agile,
clear, unstained, certain,
not baneful, loving the good, keen,
unhampered, beneficent, and kindly.**

The Word of the Lord.

Response:

Leader: Alleluia! (*perhaps sung*)

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God,
And the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day pours out the word to day,
and night to night imparts knowledge (Ps 19:2-3).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: The mind of the intelligent gains knowledge,
and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge (Prov 18:19).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Without knowledge even zeal is not good (Prov 19:2);
Apply your heart to instruction,
and your ears to words of knowledge (Prov 23:12).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Those to whom the Lord has given the grace of working should do their work
faithfully and devotedly

**ALL: So that, avoiding idleness, the enemy of the soul, they do not
extinguish the Spirit of holy prayer and devotion to which all other
things of our earthly existence must contribute (2R 51-2).**

Leader: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Come, O blessed Spirit of Knowledge,
and grant that we may perceive the will of the Father
through all of creation, all human activity, and all spiritual insight.
Show us the nothingness of earthly things,
that we may realize their vanity
and use them only for your glory and our salvation,
looking every beyond them to you and your eternal rewards.
In the light of your glory may we have a clear vision of you.
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Leader: Fear and honor, praise and bless, give thanks and adore
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Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter: Counsel

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people with *counsel*,
ALL: And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Leader: Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
ALL: And you shall renew the face of the earth.
Leader: Let your faithful people pursue what they must desire above all things:
ALL: To have the Spirit of the Lord and his holy manner of working (2R10:8).

Scripture Reading: Ps 25:8-15

A reading from Psalm 25:
Good and upright is our God,
who shows sinners the way,
Guides the humble rightly,
and teaches the humble the way.
All the paths of our God are faithful love
toward those who honor the covenant demands.
For the sake of your name, O God,
pardon my guilt, though it is great.
Who are those who fear our God?
God shows them the way to choose.
They live well and prosper,
and their descendants inherit the land.
The counsel of our God belongs to the faithful;
the covenant instructs them.
My eyes are ever upon our God,
who frees my feet from the snare.
The Word of the Lord.

Response:

Leader: Alleluia! (*perhaps sung*)
ALL: Alleluia!
Leader: Happy the one who follows not the counsel of the wicked
Nor walks in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the company of the insolent,
ALL: Alleluia!
Leader: But delights in the law of the Lord
and meditates on God's law day and night.

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: That one is like a tree planted near running water,
that yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves never fade. (Ps 1:1-3).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Those to whom the Lord has given the grace of working should do their work
faithfully and devotedly

**ALL: So that, avoiding idleness, the enemy of the soul, they do not
extinguish the Spirit of holy prayer and devotion to which all other
things of our earthly existence must contribute** (2R 51-2).

Leader: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Come, O Spirit of Counsel,
help and guide us in all our ways,
that we may always do your holy and true will
as we receive it and share it in dialogue with other.
Incline our hearts to that which is good;
turn our hearts away from all that is evil,
and direct us by the straight path of your commandments
to that goal of eternal life for which we long.
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Leader: Fear and honor, praise and bless, give thanks and adore
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Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter: Fortitude or Strength

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people with *fortitude*,
ALL: And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Leader: Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
ALL: And you shall renew the face of the earth.
Leader: Let your faithful people pursue what they must desire above all things:
ALL: To have the Spirit of our God and his holy manner of working (2R10:8).

Scripture Reading: Is 40:28-31

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Our God is the eternal God,

creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint nor grow weary,

and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny.

He gives strength to the fainting;

for the weak he makes vigor abound.

Though young men faint and grow weary,

and youths stagger and fall,

They that hope in our God will renew their strength,

they will soar as with eagles' wings;

They will run and not grow weary,

walk and not grow faint.

The Word of the Lord.

Response:

Leader: Alleluia! (*perhaps sung*)

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Who is God except our God? Who is a rock, save our God?

The God who girded me with strength and kept my ways unerring (Ps 18:32-33).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Our God is my strength and my shield;

in God my heart trusts, and I find help.

Our God is the strength of the people,

the saving refuge of God's anointed (Ps 28:7,8).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress.

Our God of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob (Ps 46:2,4).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Those to whom our God has given the grace of working should do their work faithfully and devotedly

ALL: So that, avoiding idleness, the enemy of the soul, they do not extinguish the Spirit of holy prayer and devotion to which all other things of our earthly existence must contribute (2R 51-2).

Leader: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Come, O blessed Spirit of Fortitude,
uphold our souls in time of trouble and adversity,
sustain our efforts to strive for holiness,
strengthen our weaknesses,
give us courage against all the assaults of our enemies,
and fill us with patience and perseverance to achieve your will for us.
May we never be overcome and separated from you,
our God and our greatest Good.
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Leader: Fear and honor, praise and bless, give thanks and adore
our God Almighty in Trinity and in Unity,

**ALL: The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
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Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter: Religious Fervor or Piety

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people with *religious fervor*,

ALL: And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Leader: Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

ALL: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Leader: Let your faithful people pursue what they must desire above all things:

ALL: To have the Spirit of our God and his holy manner of working (2R10:8).

Scripture Reading: Eph 4:15,22-24;6:13-17

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Living the truth in love,

you should grow in every way

into him who is the head, Christ,

that you should put away the old self

of your former way of life,

corrupted through deceitful desires,

and be renewed in the spirit of your minds,

and put on the new self,

created in God's way in righteousness

and holiness of truth.

Therefore, put on the armor of God,

that you may be able to resist on the evil day

and, having done everything, to hold your ground.

So stand fast with your loins girded in truth,

clothed with righteousness as a breastplate,

and your feet shod in readiness

for the gospel of peace.

In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield,

to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit,

which is the word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Response:

Leader: Alleluia! (*perhaps sung*)

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me (Ps 69:10)
nor sits in the company of the insolent,

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: My zeal consumes me,
because my foes forget your words (Ps 119:139).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: He shall take zeal for armor,
and he shall arm creation to requite the enemy;
He shall don justice for a breastplate
and shall wear sure judgment for a helmet (Wis 6:17-18).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Those to whom our God has given the grace of working should do their work
faithfully and devotedly

**ALL: So that, avoiding idleness, the enemy of the soul, they do not
extinguish the Spirit of holy prayer and devotion to which all other
things of our earthly existence must contribute (2R 51-2).**

Leader: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Come, O holy Spirit of religious fervor,
possess our hearts and fill them with zeal, devotion, and piety.
Enkindle in our hearts a hunger and thirst for our God,
give us that insatiable passion for bringing love and justice
to all our brothers and sisters, especially those in need,
and enable and embolden us to proclaim your Good News.
May we find satisfaction only in your service,
and may we worship our God in spirit and in truth.
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Leader: Fear and honor, praise and bless, give thanks and adore
our God Almighty in Trinity and in Unity,

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Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter: Sense of Awe or Fear of our God

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people with a *sense of awe*,

ALL: And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Leader: Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

ALL: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Leader: Let your faithful people pursue what they must desire above all things:

ALL: To have the Spirit of our God and his holy manner of working (2R10:8).

Scripture Reading: Sir 1:9-18,24-29

A reading from the Book of Sirach
Fear of our God is glory and splendor,
gladness and a festive crown.
Fear of our God warms the heart,
giving gladness and joy and length of days.
Whoever fears our God will have a happy end;
even on the day of death that one will be blessed.
The beginning of wisdom is fear of our God,
which is formed with the faithful in the womb.
Fullness of wisdom is fear of our God;
she inebriates all with her fruits.
Her entire house she fills with choice foods,
her granaries with her harvest.
Wisdom's garland is fear of our God,
with blossoms of peace and perfect health.
Knowledge and full understanding she showers down;
she heightens the glory of those who possess her.
The root of wisdom is fear of our God;
her branches are length of days.
For fear of our God is wisdom and culture;
loyal humility is his delight.
Be not faithless to the fear of our God,
nor approach it with duplicity of heart.
The Word of the Lord.

Response:

Leader: Alleluia! (*perhaps sung*)

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: The fear of our God is pure, enduring forever;
The ordinances of our God are true, all of them just (Ps 19:10).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Come, children, hear me;
I will teach you the fear of our God (Ps 34:12).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: The fear of our God is the beginning of wisdom;
prudent are all who live by it.
God's praise endures forever (Ps 111:10).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Those to whom our God has given the grace of working should do their work
faithfully and devotedly

**ALL: So that, avoiding idleness, the enemy of the soul, they do not
extinguish the Spirit of holy prayer and devotion to which all other
things of our earthly existence must contribute (2R 51-2).**

Leader: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Come, O blessed Spirit of awe and holy fear,
penetrate our inmost heart,
that we may set you, our Lord and God, before our faces forever.
Help us to turn away from all things that can offend you;
give us the grace to gaze upon Christ
and consider Christ and contemplate Christ so as to imitate Christ.
May we be awed by our experience of your love
and thereby be made worthy to appear before your Divine Majesty
in your Kingdom.
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Leader: Fear and honor, praise and bless, give thanks and adore
our God Almighty in Trinity and in Unity,

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Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter: Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people with your *holy fruits*,

ALL: And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Leader: Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

ALL: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Leader: Let your faithful people pursue what they must desire above all things:

ALL: To have the Spirit of our God and his holy manner of working (2R10:8).

Scripture Reading: Gal 5:13-26

**A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians:
Live by the Spirit**

and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh.

For the flesh has desires against the Spirit,

and the Spirit against the flesh;

these are opposed to each other,

so that you may not do what you want.

But if you are guided by the Spirit,

you are not under the law.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,

patience, kindness, generosity,

faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Against such there is no law.

Now those who belong to Christ Jesus

have crucified their flesh

with its passions and desires.

If we live in the Spirit,

let us also follow the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Response:

Leader: Alleluia! (*perhaps sung*)

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Live on in me, as I do in you.

No more than a branch can bear fruit of itself apart from the vine,
can you bear fruit apart from me (Jn 15:4).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: My Father has been glorified in your bearing much fruit

and becoming my disciples (Jn 15:8).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: It was not you who chose me; it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit.

Your fruit must endure (Jn 15:16).

ALL: Alleluia!

Leader: Those to whom our God has given the grace of working should do their work faithfully and devotedly

ALL: So that, avoiding idleness, the enemy of the soul, they do not extinguish the Spirit of holy prayer and devotion to which all other things of our earthly existence must contribute (2R 51-2).

Leader: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Come, O Divine Spirit,
fill our hearts with your heavenly fruits –
your charity, joy, and peace,
your patient endurance, kindness, and generosity,
your faithfulness, gentleness, and purity of heart,
your goodness, strength of will, and modesty,
that we may never weary in the service of our God.
By our continued and faithful surrender to your divine inspiration,
may we merit to be united eternally with you.
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Leader: Fear and honor, praise and bless, give thanks and adore our God Almighty in Trinity and in Unity,

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