

## Living Classroom 2022

# Deeper

### A Service of Healing and Ministry in the Holy Spirit

#### *Opening Prayer*

*Clergy* God is hope and strength, a very present help in trouble. The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Silence

*Clergy* I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will praise You for all Your marvelous works.

People **Great is our God and great is His power: Yes and His wisdom is infinite.**

*Clergy* He brings healing to those that are broken in heart; And gives medicine to heal their sickness.

People **In God is my health and my glory; In Him will I put my trust.**

*Clergy* Put your trust in Him all you people; Pour out your hearts before Him, for God is our hope.

People **O, Lord God of Hosts; blessed are those who put their trust in You.**

All Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. AMEN

## **A Reading from Scripture**

9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons[c] of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. *Romans 8:9-17*

## **Litany of Healing**

God the Father, Your will for all people is health and salvation;

**We praise You and thank You, O Lord.**

God the Son, You came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

**We praise You and thank You, O Lord.**

God the Holy Spirit, You make our bodies the temple of Your presence;

**We praise You and thank You, O Lord.**

Holy Trinity, one God, in You we live and move and have our being;

**We praise You and thank You, O Lord.**

Lord, grant Your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled that they may be made whole;

**Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

Grant to all who seek Your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of Your will and an awareness of Your presence;

**Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

**Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

Bless physicians, nurses and all who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

**Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

Grant to the dying, peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of Your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

**Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in the world, and in Your Church.

**Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

You are the Lord who does wonders in our lives;

You have displayed Your power among us.

In You, O Lord, is the well of life; and in Your light we see light.

**Hear us, O Lord of life;**

**Heal us and make us whole.**

Let us pray.

O God, our Father, whose life is around us, and in us always, and who is the source of all health and healing, all strength and peace. Teach us to know You truly. Take from us all that hinders the work of Your healing power—all our sins, all our anxieties and fears, all resentment and hardness of heart. And help us to learn to enter into stillness and peace before You, and to know that you are our Healer and Redeemer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

### ***Song of Worship and Praise***

Invocation of the Holy Spirit, followed by silence.

### **The Ministry of the Holy Spirit** *(Prayer Teams)*

*At this time, those who wish to receive prayer for any need or concern are encouraged to move forward to one of the prayer teams, as they become available.*

*The congregation is encouraged to worship through prayer and singing.*

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn. *Isaiah 61:1-2*

And Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. *John 5:1b-9*

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer; the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at that gate of the temple which is call Beautiful, to ask alms of those who entered the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms. And Peter directed his gaze at him, with John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention upon them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up he stood and walked and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God, and recognized him as the one who sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. *Acts 3:1-10*

Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. *James 5:13-16*

# **Calling Down the Holy Spirit**

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## INTRODUCTION

We in the church are familiar with invoking the Spirit's presence, but we don't usually label it "calling down the Holy Spirit." Every priest is aware of the "epiclesis" in the prayers of consecration, eg., "Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son..." (Prayer A). We're not at all unfamiliar with asking the Lord to be present in our gatherings. But we have not been trained to expect anything particular to happen when we invoke His presence. We've not been led by our training, our worldview, or our experience to expect anything tangible to occur when we call to Him to come. Very few of us have ever even expected Him to manifest His presence when we've asked Him to come. What is this new thing that's happening? How shall we regard it? Can we "do it" too?

## WHY ASK?

1. I have found only one instance of successful evangelism in the NT that was not explicitly attended by a display of the Spirit's power. So apparently it was normative to expect the Holy Spirit to back up one's proclamation of the Word.
2. I Corinthians 2:1-4 provides an additional reason: that people's faith "rest not on men's wisdom but on God's power."
3. Other reasons for calling down the Holy Spirit:
  - A. Allows God to initiate ministry;
  - B. Allows the Spirit to vindicate the preached word or witness;
  - C. Blesses those receiving Him;
  - D. Releases His power;
  - E. Enables you to see what the Father is doing;
  - F. Because John 15:5 is true, and the Holy Spirit is the minister;
  - G. Furthers the extending of His kingdom.

## HINDRANCES TO CALLING DOWN THE HOLY SPIRIT

### 1. Fear

- A. That you're not good enough;
- B. That He won't show up and you'll fail;
- C. That He will show up and you won't know what to do next;
- D. That God will expose your sins if you presume to try anything like that;
- E. That you'll hurt the person somehow.

### 2. Superstition

- A. That you don't have the anointing to do this;
- B. That something beyond your control is in effect, eg., you didn't have godly enough parents;
- C. That the Holy Spirit will fall on one kind of church but not yours.

### 3. Structural Misconceptions

- A. That you have to be a leader or have designated authority or be a proven servant in order to call down the Holy Spirit;
- B. "I don't have the right to do this."

### 4. Lack of experience.

5. The "elastic clause of unbelief"; ie., "I don't know why He won't show up, but He won't."

6. "I'm supposed to know how to do this, but I don't, and I can't let anyone know."

## HOW TO CALL DOWN THE HOLY SPIRIT: "Come Holy Spirit"

### HOW TO NOTICE HIS PRESENCE

[These are not expectations, and given only for identification]

- A. Physical manifestations
  - Fluttering eyelids
  - Skin flushed or glowing
  - Shaking

- Breathing changes
- Falling
- Apparent peace or agitation
- Body rippling
- B. Discerning His presence in the Spirit
- C. Asking people what's happening to them
- D. Accept being uncomfortable

#### THINGS THE SPIRIT DOES

- A. Heals
- B. Convicts
- C. Anoints for ministries
- D. He blesses

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## Notes