

The Holy Spirit is our helper and comforter.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 14:8-17, 25-27	Jesus promises the Holy Spirit
Monday	Acts 2:1-21	Filled with the Holy Spirit
Tuesday	Romans 8:14-17	Life in the Holy Spirit
Wednesday	Acts 1:6-11	The ascension of Jesus
Thursday	Psalm 51:10-12	A prayer for forgiveness
Friday	Ephesians 4:25-32	Rules for the new life
Saturday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	God, the creator and provider
Sunday	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you." **John 14:26 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit that we may believe and speak the good news so that others may know Jesus as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Creative God, your love for us is filled with good things, including the gift of this meal; we thank you for all your good gifts through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Holy Spirit give you comfort and good courage.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Every time I Feel the Spirit





WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something about your faith that you would like to understand better?
- How is it comforting to know that the Holy Spirit gives us the power to believe in Jesus?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 14:8-17, 25-27.

The Gospel of John is the last of the New Testament Gospels to be written. John gives us a valuable perspective on the importance of the Holy Spirit. John makes it clear that having the Holy Spirit does not give us something new or more than Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit only speaks and teaches the message and truth that Jesus spoke and taught. The "Spirit of truth," that is, the Holy Spirit, abides in us that we may know our heavenly father in and through Christ. It is a truth that offers great assurance in a spirit of humility, the humility of being known and taught by God. John speaks of the Holy Spirit as the "Advocate," a term filled with rich meaning. The Greek word for Advocate also means teacher, helper, comforter, someone who walks alongside us and gives us the aid we need.

Discuss: How does it help you to be reminded that the Holy Spirit walks alongside you and dwells within you?

Pray: Dear God and Comforter, we thank you for the work of the Holy Spirit that gives us the faith and confidence to abide in Jesus now and always. Amen

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who do you know that needs to be comforted this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



On the day of Pentecost, there was the rush of a violent wind and tongues of fire rested on each of the apostles. "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4). Decorate your home with red balloons and red candles this week as a reminder of the "blowing" and "burning" of God's Spirit in your lives. As you light the candles say: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

