

PRAYER

LORD, I come unto you asking to be filled with the blessing of the Holy Spirit. Your word says if I thirst, I can come unto you and drink. My soul is thirsting to be quenched with the indwelling of the Spirit of GOD.

Fill me with your spirit of righteousness and holiness so that I may honor you in all I say and do. Give me understanding of the spiritual truths that will empower me to resist the temptations of the flesh and mind.

Let your Spirit fill me with your presence and anointing to embrace the calling to a holiness lifestyle. Impart into my heart genuine love and devotion for my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Birth within me the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, gentleness, faith, long-suffering, and temperance that will equip me to properly represent Christ. This I ask in the name of my LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ.



John 7:37-39 CEV – Contemporary English Version On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and shouted, "If you are thirsty, come to me and drink! (38) Have faith in me, and you will have life-giving water flowing from deep inside you, just as the Scriptures say." (39) Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit, who would be given to everyone that had faith in him...

RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT:

I. MUST BE THIRSTY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **A strong desire; craving**
- **A feeling of needing or wanting something**

Psalms 42:1-2 GW – GOD’S Word As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. (2) My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Psalms 63:1 KJV O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

- A recognition our soul is lacking the substance that sustains and refreshes our life.
- Earnestly pursue the craving of our soul for the Spirit of GOD.
- Refuse to accept anything that does not address the quenching of our soul for the Spirit of GOD.

II. MUST COME TO JESUS FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Matthew 11:28 KJV Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

John 6:35, 37 KJV And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst... (37) All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

- Move from where we are to where Jesus is.
- Move from our way of thinking to Jesus’ way of thinking.
- Come to Jesus in humbleness.
- Come to Jesus willingly.

III. MUST DRINK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 4:14 KJV But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

1 Corinthians 12:13 KJV For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

- Be willing to drink the Spirit that Jesus is offering.
- Drink by meditating on Jesus.
- Drink by reading the word of GOD.
- Drink by praying unto the LORD Jesus.

IV. MUST BELIEVE IN JESUS TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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- Believe Jesus is the Son of GOD
- Believe Jesus was born of a virgin.
- Believe the blood of Jesus has redeemed us from sin.
- Believe Jesus is the only way to the Father.
- Believe Jesus is GOD in flesh.