

Come,
Holy
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*Nevertheless,
I tell you the truth:
it is to your advantage
that I go away,
for if I do not go away,
the Helper will not come to you.
But if I go,
I will send him to you.*

John 16:7

However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away.

Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthenener, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you].

John 16:7 (Amplified)

How long has the church been praying for the Holy Spirit to come?

In the 200s, Hippolytus is attributed with writing a prayer for the early believers that had them welcoming the Holy Spirit to move with the words, "...And we pray that you would send your Holy Spirit."

In the 800s, a Benedictine monk wrote a song equipping the Church to sing the prayer, "Come, Holy Spirit."

In the 1200s, the prayer “Come, Holy Spirit,” written as a Latin worship poem called Veni Sancte Spiritus, took on a central place in the worship of the Western Church.

And on Mother’s Day in 1980, in a congregation in California where John Wimber pastored, the prayer “Come, Holy Spirit” took its place in the life of a Movement that has impacted the world with its radical, risk-taking commitment to Spirit ministry in the local church.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:14-17

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

Ephesians 5:18-19

Why pray to receive the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ (Rom.8:9-10)

The Holy Spirit pours out the love of God in our hearts. (Romans 5:5)

The Holy Spirit is the source of power for us to minister His gifts. (1 Cor. 12:4-11)

The Holy Spirit Pray for the release of the Holy Spirit for power to witness. (Acts 1:8)

How to receive the Holy Spirit?

For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

(Luke 11:10-13)