



Prayer to receive Holy Spirit

Jesus told His followers after the resurrection: "... wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth." (See Acts 1:3-8 also Acts Chapter 2 when they were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with other tongues).

Paul told Timothy to "stir up the gift of God which is in you" (2 Tim 1:6 NKJV) He wrote the Corinthians: "I would like every one of you to speak in tongues...! thank God I speak in tongues more than all of you." (1 Cor.14:18) Jude (verse 20) "but you beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit."

Acknowledge Jesus as Lord:

Heavenly Father, I acknowledge that Jesus is my Lord and Savior. Thank You for the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit.

Confess Sin:

I confess to You my sin of (pride, unforgiveness, selfishness, etc.)

Choose to Forgive:

I choose to forgive those who have hurt me (think of those you need to forgive). I thank you for cleansing me.

Occult Involvement:

If I have ever been involved in the occult, knowingly or unknowingly I ask You to forgive me (witchcraft, astrology, use of Ouija board, fortune-telling or whatever God reveals).

Confess If Ever Hurt Holy Spirit:

If I have ever ridiculed things of the Holy Spirit, forgive me (even made fun of those who speak in tongues). I acknowledge my need to receive this gift in greater measure. Help me lay aside my prejudices and preconceived ideas about the work of the Holy Spirit and receive all that You have for me.

Receive:

Lord, I open my mouth to speak, I fully yield my will to You to allow the Holy Spirit to speak through me. I expect the Holy Spirit to give me a new tongue. By faith, I will worship You in a new language.

NOW Open your mouth and begin to speak the syllables the Holy Spirit gives you to say. Your lips may begin to tremble or your tongue to stammer, but don't be fearful--just speak out the sounds, though they may seem strange to you. Many receive your prayer language by beginning the simple chorus, "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah" and then singing syllables to that tune as the Holy Spirit enables them.

SUGGESTION: Use your prayer language every day. It helps you to stay close to the Lord and strengthens your spiritual life. As you exercise this gift you will become less and less self-conscious and more fluent in your prayer language and your vocabulary will increase.

