



Liturgy Cycle A

Seventh Sunday Of Easter

Our need of the Spirit

Introduction

Today is the Sunday between the Ascension and Pentecost. We are gathered here to do what Christ asked his apostles to do, namely, to wait in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We can be certain that Mary is with us, as she was with the apostles in the upper room.

First Reading (Acts 1: 12-14)

This tells how, after the ascension, the apostles gathered in the upper room, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and waited in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading (1 Peter 4: 13-16)

Peter encourages those who suffer because of their faith in Christ.

Gospel (John 17: 1-11)

This is still part of the farewell discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper. It is really a prayer to the Father. Jesus prays not just for himself, but also for the apostles.

Prayer Of The Faithful

Let us pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit as Christ urged his disciples to do.

R: Come, Holy Spirit.

For all the people of God: that the Holy Spirit may change their hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. Let us pray.

R: Come, Holy Spirit.

For all those who guide the destiny of nations: that the Holy Spirit may open their ears to the voice of conscience. Let us pray.

R: Come, Holy Spirit.

That the Holy Spirit may mend the hearts of those broken by disappointment and misfortune. Let us pray.

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That we may long for the coming of the Holy Spirit so as to follow Christ more closely and do his work more faithfully. Let us pray.

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Communion Reflection

**I am neither a man of letters nor of science,
but I humbly claim to be a man of prayer.
It is prayer that has saved my life.
Without it I would have lost my reason long ago.**

**If I did not lose my peace of soul,
in the midst of many trials,
it is because of the peace that came to me through prayer.
One can live several days without food,
but not without prayer. Prayer is the key to each morning, and the
lock to each evening. It is a sacred alliance between God and us. It
delivers us from the clutches of the prince of darkness. We have to
choose either to ally ourselves with the forces of evil or with the
forces of good. Let everyone try this experience, and they will find
that daily prayer will add something new to their lives, something
which cannot be found elsewhere. This is my sacred teaching.**