*“The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer:
by his Holy Spirit, God comes to dwell within us.
By his word and by the sacraments, Christ gives himself to us.
In return, we can surrender everything to him.”* Brother Alois of Taizé

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

***Adapted from the Ancient Sequence for the feast of Pentecost:***Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear heavenly height
Your pure beaming radiance give.

Come, Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, you, the light of all that live!

You are of all consolers best,
You, the soul’s delightful guest,
Do refreshing peace bestow.

You in toil are comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If you take your grace away,
Nothing pure in us will stay;
All our good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

You, on us who evermore
Confess you and you adore,
With your sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with you on high;
Give us joys that never end.

**Saint Augustine’s (354-430) prayer to the Holy Spirit:**
Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.

**Prayers from the Irish Tradition** *(adapted from the book “Saltair” Prayers from the Irish Tradition, Pádraig Ó Fiannachta and Des Forristal, Columba Press 1988)*

An Spiorad Naomh a bhraonadh
Orm anuas as na Flaithis
Do mo chúnadh is mo mhaitheas,
Chun m’urnaí a chur i gceangal
Ag cathaoir Rí na nDdúl

*The Holy Spirit falling like dew
upon me from the heavens
to help me, for my good,
to give my prayers binding strength
before the throne of the King of Creation.*
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An Spiorad Naomh ionann,
Umainn agus again;
An Spiorad Naomh chugainn,
Tagagh, a Chríost, go tobann.

An Spiorad Naomh ag áitreabh
Ár gcoirp is ár anma,
Ár gcosaint anois láithreach
Ar ghábha is ar ghalra.

A Íosa, go naomha
Is go saora do Spiorad sinn.

*Holy Spirit, be in us,
be around us and be with us;
May the Holy Spirit
Come to us, O Christ, and come quickly.

The Holy Spirit dwelling
In our bodies and in our souls,
here present to protect us
from danger and disease.

O Jesus, may your Spirit
sanctify us and save us.*

*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Holy Spirit,
Spirit of the Living God,

you breathe in us

especially upon all that is
most vulnerable and fragile within us
and enfold us with your peace.

Breath of God’s loving kindness,
as you pray in us

receive our very simple desire

to entrust everything to you
and to rejoice at what you accomplish in our souls.

*(adapted from prayers of Brother Roger of Taizé)*