

Prayer for Wisdom and Guidance

An original prayer prepared for this page, followed by the traditional Come, Holy Spirit (EWTN). The three short prayers are original compositions.

Heavenly Father, I need wisdom, and I ask for your help. You know the decisions before me, the duties entrusted to me, and the people who will be affected by my choices. I place them in your hands.

Send your Holy Spirit to guide my mind and heart. Help me recognize what is true and good. Keep pride, fear, and the desire for approval from ruling my judgment. Give me an honest love for your will.

Teach me to listen carefully, consider what I need to know, and receive good counsel with humility. When I am wrong, give me the courage to accept correction. When I am avoiding a duty, help me face it faithfully.

Where the right course is clear, strengthen me to follow it. Where I remain uncertain, give me patience to pray and learn. If several good choices lie before me, help me choose responsibly and trust you with what I cannot foresee.

Bless those who share this decision with me. Help us speak truthfully and consider one another's needs. Let neither haste nor endless fear keep me from the good you ask of me today.

May my choices honor you, protect the dignity of others, and draw me closer to Jesus Christ. Give me wisdom to begin, faithfulness to continue, and humility to begin again when I fall. Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.
R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Short Prayer Before an Important Decision

Lord Jesus, you know what this choice will ask of me and of those I love. Free me from the wish to please everyone and from the fear of being corrected. Help me see my duties clearly, seek honest counsel and choose what serves your kingdom. Give me courage to take the next faithful step. Amen.

Prayer for Clarity When My Motives Are Confused

Holy Spirit, search the desires I bring to this decision. Show me where I am seeking comfort, praise or control at another person's expense. Help me receive the truth even when it changes my plans. Give me a sincere love for what is good and the humility to admit what I do not know. Amen.

Prayer While Waiting for Guidance

Father, I have asked for light, and much is still unclear. Keep me faithful to the good I can see today. Help me use this time to learn, listen and love, without demanding a sign from you. When a decision must be made, give me sound judgment. Hold me close to you through whatever follows. Amen.