

Holy Spirit,
breathe on us, that we may think what is holy;
move in us, that we may do what is holy;
attract us, that we may love what is holy,
and strengthen us, that we may guard what is holy,
For Jesus' sake. Amen.
(Augustine of Hippo 354-430)

O Holy Spirit Divine,
Gratitude warmly tugs at our hearts for
Your presence,
A gift unspeakable and an spiritual
enablement hitherto unknown;
We are in awe of Your presence and
delight in the equipping you give.
As God the Three in One becomes
more realised in the gift of the Holy
Spirit
We celebrate our inclusion dear Lord,
into the Holy Dance,
Come guide us and guard us
Come free us and heal us
Come renew us and reform us
Come in Your Power and make us
whole;

That in spite of pandemic and
uncertainty,
As resources dwindle and job
prospects wane,
As life remains precariously
perilous
As our futures remain strangled
without a vaccine;
Come in Your Power and be the
balm of Gilead we need
That in spite of it all, our hope
may be resuscitated
And our faith in God who gives
abundant life may be restored.

For only You dear God,
Can give warmth to the
suddenly alone,
Can uplift the shielding lonely,
Can assure the suddenly
orphaned,
Can renew the broken
lockdown relationships,
Can uphold those waiting for
health operations
And only You dear God,
Can wield a warming presence
over all creation;
Reminding us all, in Your
image we are,
And in Your image we remain,
no matter what!

Thank you Lord for
hearing our prayers,
Thank you for gifting us
with Your Spirit,
Thank you for always
being present, in spite of
it all,
Through Jesus Christ our
Lord — Amen.

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