

COME
HOLY
SPIRIT
DEVOTIONAL

A 7-DAY JOURNEY

DAY 1: Invitation to the Spirit

Lyric Focus: “*Come Holy Spirit, breathe on us once more.*”

Theme: Welcoming the Spirit’s presence and surrendering ourselves anew.

Scripture: John 20:22 – “*And with that, he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’*”

REFLECTION:

THE BREATH OF GOD

From the very beginning, we see a God who breathes. In Genesis 2, His breath animates dust, and the human story begins. Job testifies to this creative power, declaring: “The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.” – Job 33:4

Ezekiel’s vision reveals that God can make breath enter dry bones, restoring life where there was only death. Then, in the most profound expression of this pattern, the God

who breathes becomes a baby, taking in and letting out air just like the people He formed. Jesus, the living, breathing God in the flesh, later breathes on His disciples after His resurrection, commanding them to “receive the Holy Spirit.”

This is the legacy of the Breath of God—a history that doesn’t end with the pages of Scripture but extends to us today. The mighty wind that filled the upper room at Pentecost is the same breath Jesus invites us to experience now.

So when we pray, “Come, Holy Spirit, breathe on us,” do we realize what we’re truly asking?

In that moment, we are asking for His very life, His presence, His power. We are confessing that we don’t have life in ourselves—we need Him to sustain us, renew us, and make us who we were meant to be. To invite the Holy Spirit to breathe on us is to surrender, to admit that we need His refreshing touch again and again.

And He is faithful.

As surely as your next breath, He will come. He will breathe on you when you need Him most.

READER APPLICATION:

Spend 5 minutes breathing deeply in prayer, focusing on inviting the Spirit's presence to renew and refresh you.

PRAYER:

"Holy Spirit, breathe on me today. Restore my heart and align me with Your purpose."

DAY 2: Opening the Doors

Lyric Focus: “*Here we are ready, fling wide the ancient doors.*”

Theme: Making room for God to enter and transform.

Scripture: Psalm 24:7 – “*Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.*”

REFLECTION:

FLING WIDE THE ANCIENT DOORS

Scripture reminds us that God is the one who opens doors no one can close, and closes doors no one can open (Revelation 3:7). He is always preparing the way—both in our hearts and in the world—for His presence to dwell.

Jesus Himself stands at the door of our hearts and knocks (Revelation 3:20), waiting for our response. But He is not only the One who knocks—He is the door (John 10:9). He is the

way to the Father, the gate through which we must enter.

Psalm 24 paints a powerful picture of what happens when the King of Glory comes:

“Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!”

– Psalm 24:7-8

These gates and ancient doors are not merely physical structures. They symbolize the readiness of God’s people to receive their King. This is not just a ceremonial arrival—it is a triumphant procession. And yet, this King’s triumph is unlike any other.

Jesus, our King of Glory, is victorious not by conquest but by laying down His own life. He defeats death by dying in our place. He forgives sin by shedding His own blood. This is the kind of King we welcome when we say, “Fling wide the ancient doors!”

So what does this mean for us?

To prepare ourselves for His presence is to make room for Him—to open our hearts, our lives, and our churches to His rule and reign.

It's a cry of surrender:

"Jesus, King of Glory—come and have Your way. Forgive us, lead us in mercy and truth. Show the world what kind of King You are."

And sometimes, when we feel lost, weak, or unworthy, our only act of preparation is to bow in humility at the gate and whisper, "Come, Holy Spirit. Fling wide the ancient doors. Make Your procession in my heart. Make the paths straight. Show me Your glory."

This is the posture that welcomes the King of Glory. A heart that acknowledges:

"I don't have the answers. I don't know what to do. But I know You are worthy, and I am making room for You."

And when we do—He comes.

READER APPLICATION:

Take time to identify anything blocking your “doors” from being fully open to God. Offer it to Him in prayer.

PRAYER:

“Jesus, I open the doors of my heart to You. Come in and have Your way.”

DAY 3: Filling the Room

Lyric Focus: “*There’s nothing like when you fill up the room, when your presence settles, and you start to move.*”

Theme: Experiencing the tangible presence of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture: Acts 2:2 – “*Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.*”

REFLECTION:

FILLED TO OVERFLOWING

Have you ever wondered what it must have felt like in the upper room on that Pentecost evening? Scripture tells us that a sound like a violent wind filled the space, and most scholars agree there were around 120 people gathered there that day. But it wasn’t just the sound—the Holy Spirit Himself filled the room.

That word—filled—carries deep significance in scripture. It's the same Greek word used in Luke 5:7, when Jesus told the disciples to cast their nets again, and their boats were so full of fish that they began to sink. The boats weren't just carrying a lot of fish—they were weighed down, overflowing, packed to capacity. The same word appears in John 12:3, when Mary broke her jar of costly perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet. Scripture tells us that “the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.” Every square inch of the room was saturated—there was no escaping the aroma.

Now think about that moment in the upper room. The presence of God was so tangible, so full, that no one in the room could have avoided it. There were no gaps, no empty spaces. The Spirit came not in part, but in fullness. That's just like Jesus. He doesn't show up halfway—He fills. And it wasn't just for the first believers in Acts. It's for us today.

And it's for everyone. Not just the spiritual elite, not just those in leadership, not just the ones

who seem most “worthy.” Everyone.

There's an old James Taylor lyric that says, “If I'm well, you can tell, she's been with me now.” The same is true of us when we've been with Jesus. When we've been filled with His Spirit, it becomes obvious. We carry His presence with us, like a lingering fragrance. We start to look like Him, sound like Him, love like Him.

The Spirit wants to fill us completely—so much so that we overflow with His presence. He wants to move in our lives, in our church, in our community—not just so we have a powerful moment, but so we become carriers of His presence to a world that desperately needs Him.

Are you ready to be filled?

READER APPLICATION:

Find a quiet place to worship and invite the Spirit to “fill the room” wherever you are.

PRAYER:

“Come Holy Spirit, fill this space and settle among us. Let Your presence change everything.”

DAY 4: The Thirst for His Rain

Lyric Focus: “*Like drought in the desert, we’re thirsty for Your rain.*”

Theme: Hungering and thirsting for God’s Spirit in dry seasons.

Scripture: Isaiah 44:3 – “*For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.*”

REFLECTION:

WHEN YOU'RE THIRSTY BUT DON'T KNOW IT

As I reflect on my life, one truth about God stands out: He is often most present in the driest seasons. On the surface, this doesn't always make sense. But in my heart, I know it's true.

A spiritual director once told me, “99.9% of God’s activity in our lives is undetectable to the human eye.” That hit me. So much of what God does in us, around us, and through us goes

unnoticed. And yet, His renewal doesn't "show up" when we've earned it—it comes when we need it most. Even when we feel nothing, He is moving.

There are seasons when our walk with God feels dry, empty—nothing like what we think it should be. We become more aware of our failures and sins than of His presence and grace. We are like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, walking with Jesus in our pain but not even recognizing that He is right there.

Isaiah paints the picture well: we are dry ground, thirsty for rain. The irony? We don't even realize how thirsty we are. Science tells us that dehydration sets in long before we feel thirsty. The same is true of our souls. We are not sealed reservoirs—we leak. We go through life losing what sustains us, trying to draw strength from places that can't quench our thirst.

And yet, God is never lacking. He is an infinite source, a well that never runs dry. The problem is never that He is absent—it's that we haven't

come to drink.

Jesus put it this way: “But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” —

John 4:14

Jesus isn’t just a one-time drink—He is the well. The faithful spring of living water that satisfies and yet leaves us longing for more at the same time.

I remember a time when I couldn’t bring myself to sing “rain on me.” I felt so dry that lifting my hands in worship felt like a lie. I would clench my fists to the back of the chair in front of me, afraid that if I sang it, I would be pretending. I was struggling, questioning, barely holding on.

But then God showed up when I least expected Him to.

The forecast called for drought, but He sent the rain anyway. His Spirit poured out on my

life, not because I deserved it, but because I desperately needed it.

That's who He is. That's what He does.

And He's not finished. If you feel dry, take heart. The rain is coming.

READER APPLICATION:

Reflect on any areas of “drought” in your life and pray for God to rain down His Spirit.

PRAYER:

“Holy Spirit, I am thirsty for You. Let Your rain bring life to the dry places in my soul.”

DAY 5: God Springs Up New Life

Lyric Focus: “*You’re always waiting to spring up new life.*”

Theme: God’s Spirit brings renewal and revival.

Scripture: John 7:38 – “*Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.*”

REFLECTION:

GOD SHOWS UP IN UNEXPECTED PLACES

God is always showing up in the least expected places. He loves to surprise us. He showed up in a burning bush. He spoke through a donkey. He arrived as a helpless baby in the middle of nowhere, Bethlehem. Again and again, He reveals Himself where we least expect it.

And yet, so often, we misunderstand Him.

We picture God according to our circumstances. If we’re struggling, we assume

He's distant. If we're walking through hardship, we fear He's angry or withholding. We imagine Him with blessings tucked behind His back, keeping us at arm's length, saying, "This far and no further."

But nothing could be further from the truth.

Jesus is always more willing to bring renewal and revival than we are ready to receive it. The problem isn't His reluctance—it's our perception. God is moving, but do we see it?

This is what He speaks to in Isaiah: "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." — Isaiah 43:19

We miss the new thing God is doing because we're holding on to the old thing. We are so certain of our assumptions about Him that we fail to recognize when He moves in a way we didn't expect.

One of the most powerful moments in Scripture speaks directly to this.

During the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot), a sacred ritual took place—the water ceremony. Priests would draw water from the Pool of Siloam and pour it out as an offering, symbolizing God's provision of life-giving water. This moment was filled with deep meaning and anticipation.

And it was here, in the middle of this sacred tradition, that Jesus stood up and declared: "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." — John 7:37-38

Jesus is the living water.

He isn't withholding. He isn't distant.

He is ready to pour Himself out, to spring up new life within us—right now, in the least

expected places.

The question is not whether God is at work in our lives, but whether we are willing to perceive it.

Are we willing to let go of our false assumptions?

Are we open to seeing God in the unexpected?

Are we thirsty enough to come to Him?

The invitation is always open.

READER APPLICATION:

Ask God to show you where He is springing up new life in your circumstances.

PRAYER:

“Jesus, thank You for bringing new life where I thought nothing could grow. Help me trust in Your renewing work.”

DAY 6: The Overflow of the Spirit

Lyric Focus: “*You never stop pouring it out.*”

Theme: The Spirit’s unending outpouring.

Scripture: Joel 2:28 – “*And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.*”

REFLECTION:

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ALWAYS MOVING

When we think about the Holy Spirit, it's easy to slip into the idea that He is something rather than someone. But the Holy Spirit is not a vague force or an abstract power. He is a person—the third person of the Trinity.

And yet, Scripture describes the work of the Spirit in fluid, dynamic terms. We are told that:

- The Spirit is “poured out” on God’s people (Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17).
- The love of God is “poured into our hearts” through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).
- We are “filled” with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18).

When we ask the Holy Spirit to “come,” we are not asking Him to move from one place to another—He is already here. What we are really asking is for Him to move in us, to fill us afresh, to pour out the things He delights in giving—His love, His power, His renewal.

Jesus describes the Holy Spirit’s activity like a river of living water flowing from within us (John 7:38). This means the Spirit is not just an experience we feel in a moment; He is a continual source of life, always renewing, always refreshing, always active.

The Holy Spirit never stops doing what He does.

When we sing, “You never stop pouring it out,” we are declaring this truth: the Spirit is always moving, always giving, always at work in the world and in us.

So today, let’s pause and ask:

- Where do I need the Spirit’s renewing presence in my life?

- Am I open to receiving what He is always pouring out?
- How is the Spirit already at work around me, even if I haven't recognized it yet?

Come, Holy Spirit. We welcome all that You are and all that You bring.

READER APPLICATION:

Spend time today thanking God for His unending generosity and asking Him to pour out His Spirit in fresh ways.

PRAYER:

"Lord, thank You for Your unending outpouring. Let Your Spirit overflow in my life and reach others around me."

DAY 7: Moving How Only He Can

Lyric Focus: “Move *how only* You can move. Do *what only* You can do.”

Theme: Trusting the Spirit’s unique power to work beyond our expectations.

Scripture: Ephesians 3:20 – “Now to him who is able to do *immeasurably more than all* we ask or *imagine*, according to his power that is at work *within us*.”

REFLECTION:

THE SPIRIT MOVES IN WAYS WE DON’T EXPECT

We often come to God with expectations—how we think He should move, when He should show up, and what the outcome should be. But the Holy Spirit is not confined to our imagination. He moves how only He can move. He does what only He can do.

In Scripture, we see this time and time again. The Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation, bringing order out of chaos (Genesis 1:2). He moved through a whisper when Elijah expected Him in the storm (1 Kings 19:12). He moved in fire and wind at Pentecost, filling the disciples with boldness they never could have produced on their own (Acts 2:2-4).

The Spirit is not predictable, but He is always purposeful. His movements may surprise us, but they will never fail to accomplish what God intends.

When we invite the Spirit to move, we aren't just asking for an emotional moment—we are surrendering control, trusting that He knows what we need better than we do. Sometimes He moves through a miracle. Sometimes He moves through a season of waiting. Sometimes He moves through the quiet work of changing our hearts before He changes our circumstances.

But He is always moving.

And His movement is always enough.

READER APPLICATION:

Think about an area in your life where you need the Holy Spirit to move. Instead of asking for a specific outcome, pray for His will to be done—trusting that He will move in the way that is best.

PRAYER:

“Holy Spirit, I trust You. Move how only You can move in my life. Do what only You can do. I surrender my expectations and invite Your perfect work in me.”