

Prayers that we would realize we are completely dependent upon the Spirit to do the work of God's kingdom into the likeness of Jesus

JOHN 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:13

This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

PRAISE

Father, we praise you for sending the Holy Spirit to do the work of your kingdom in this world.

We praise you for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our lives who works with us to transform us, to teach us, to reorient ourselves to you and your kingdom.

Father, we praise you that your Spirit is gentle with us, for oftentimes we are slow learners, not much different than the disciples, to see where you are at work and where you are active in the world.

Thank you, Holy Spirit, that you are transforming us into the image of God, from glory to ever increasing glory.

Thank you, Holy Spirit, that you are at work, doing the slow work of transforming our hearts, transforming the hearts of others, and calling people to yourself.

Triune God, we know that you are almighty and you don't need us to do your work, but we thank you that you have invited us to participate with you in your creation and in your kingdom, to do good works that you have already prepared for us to do. Thank you that you call us, equip us, and send us, never leaving us or forsaking us, as we work with you in your kingdom.

PRAYER PROMPTS

God we praise you that we see you at work within us through...

Holy Spirit, thank you for working in...

Thank you that we can see your transformative work when...

REQUESTS

Father, as you are the one who calls us, equips us, and sends us, help us to have a proper perspective on the work of your kingdom.

Help us to realize that we don't do this work apart from the Spirit. Help us to see that the Spirit is leading, guiding, and transforming. Help us to realize that the Spirit has been at work long before we arrive, doing the work that only the Spirit can do.

Open our eyes to the moving of the Spirit. May we learn to listen to the quiet voice of the Spirit who calls us to follow. Help us to listen to the Spirit, who often leads us in new and unexpected directions, as you do a new thing around us. Open our eyes to see the new thing your Spirit is doing (Isaiah 43:19).

And give us a willing and obedient heart to say yes to the Spirit's leading, even before we know where the Spirit is calling us to go and what to do. We can do this because, God, we know you are good, we know you long to bless us, we know you long to have us grow in our relationship with you, and have us see your glory. You don't harm us, deceive us, or mislead us, so help us to say "yes and amen" to your leading, stepping out in faith, even before we know it.

PRAYER PROMPTS

Help us to slow down to discern the Spirit because...

Help us to surrender to your Spirit's promptings to follow even when...

Help us to realize that apart from the Spirit, we can't do...

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, continue to do the work of transforming our hearts to be like yours, longing for the world to see you and come to believe in you.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, who is at work within us,
Amen.

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