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WIND: A SIGN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A Day of Prayer and Reflection

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If the wind originates from the north, it will blow towards the south. If it originates from the northeast, it will blow towards the southwest. It always blows in the opposite direction from which it comes. When Jesus was describing the wind in John 3:8, He was not describing any ordinary wind, but He was describing the Wind (“Cool Breeze”) of the Holy Spirit.

“The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”— John 3:8

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.

Come, O Spirit, with Your sound
Like a wind, quick rushing;
Come from heaven and stir our hearts,
Mold our actions to Your will,
You our service giving;
Move within our fellowship
Transform now our living.

Come, O Spirit, with Your flame,
Leaping tongues of fire;
Come, and with Your glorious light
All our thoughts inspire!
Rest upon each servant’s head
Till each one is speaking
Of our Christ, the Holy One
All the earth is seeking.

Come, O Spirit, fill Your church,
Making strong our mission;
Fill Your daughters and sons
With a mighty vision,

Till the great and glorious day
When the whole creation
Sings Your praise as Lord and King,
Giver of salvation.

Wind is air moving horizontally on the surface of the earth. Wind exists because the sun heats the surface of the earth unevenly. Cooler air fills the void left by hot air as it rises. Wind is clean, free, indigenous and inexhaustible.

Psalm 135: 5-7

For I know that the Lord is great;
Our Lord is greater than all gods.
All that the Lord wills he does in heaven and on earth,
In the seas and in all the deeps.

He raises storm clouds from the end of the earth;
With the lightning he makes the rain;
He brings forth the winds from his storehouse.

Glory be to the Father ...

Brief reflection after each.

Like the wind, the Spirit is sovereign.

“All these are the work of one and the same Spirit.”
— *1 Corinthians 12:11*

Like the wind, the Spirit is invisible.

“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sounds, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” — *John 3:8*

Like the wind, the Spirit is indispensable.

“No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.” — *John 3:5*



Pentecost, Il Carmelo, Sassone, Italy

Like the wind, the Spirit is life giving.

“For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.” — *1 Peter 1:23*

Like the wind, the Spirit is irresistible.

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

— *Acts 1:8*

“Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God’s plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.” —*Francis I*

Psalm 107:23-32

They who sailed the sea in ships,
Trading on the deep waters,
These saw the works of the Lord and
His wonders in the abyss.
His command raised up a storm wind
Which tossed its waves on high.
They mounted up to heaven;
They sank to the depths;
Their hearts melted away in their plight.

They reeled and staggered like drunken men.
And all their skill was swallowed up,
They cried to the Lord in their distress;
From their straits he rescued them.
He hushed the storm to a gentle breeze,
And the billows of the sea were stilled;
They rejoiced that they were calmed,
And he brought them to their desired haven.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his kindness
And his wondrous deeds to the children of men.
Let them extol him in the assembly of the people
And praise him in the council of the elders.

Glory be to the Father...

Reading: Isaiah 11:2-9

The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him;
A spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
A spirit of counsel and of strength,
A spirit of knowledge and of

The Egyptians used wind energy more than 5000 years ago for sailing ships on the River Nile. Between 500 to 900 A.D. windmills were developed in Persia, they were used for the automation of grinding grain and pumping water. Today, more and more people are using wind turbines to wring electricity from the breeze.

Fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be
The fear of the Lord.
Not by appearance shall he judge,
Nor by hearsay shall he decide,
But he shall judge the poor with justice, and
Decide aright for the land's afflicted.
He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mount,
And with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.
Justice shall be the band around his waist, and
Faithfulness a belt upon his hips.
Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and
The leopard shall lie down with the kid:
The calf and the young lion shall browse together,
With a little child to guide them.
The cow and the bear shall be neighbors,
Together their young shall rest;
The lion shall eat hay like the ox.
The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and
The child laid his hand on the adder's lair.
There shall be no harm or ruin on all.

My holy mountain;
For the earth shall be filled with knowledge
Of the Lord as water covers the sea.

The word of God.



Holy Spirit Coming by He-Qi

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Native American Prayer)

My grandfather is the Fire, my grandmother in the Wind,
the Earth is my mother, and the Great Spirit is my father.
The world stopped at my birth and laid itself at my feet
and I shall swallow the Earth whole when I die, and the
Earth and I will be one.

Hail the Great Spirit, my father, without him no one could exist because there would be no will to live. Hail the Earth, my mother, without which no food could be grown and so cause the will to live to starve. Hail the Wind, my grandmother, for she brings loving, life-giving rain nourishing us as she nourishes our crops. Hail the Fire, my grandfather, for the light, the warmth, the comfort he brings without which we would be animals, not men.

Hail Great Spirit, the Earth, the Wind, the Fire accept this humble offering of praise, this honest reverence of my love for you.

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Prayer of Petition

Holy Spirit, whose voice is heard in the wind and whose breath gives life to everyone, we come to you as one of your children in need of your wisdom and your strength so that we may properly care for your creation.

Grant that we may see the beauty of your creation that is all around us. Spirit of knowledge open our eyes to the wonders of your creation.

Make our ears sharp so we may hear your voice. Spirit of fortitude grant us courage to listen to your voice.

Make us wise, so that we may understand what you have taught. Spirit of wisdom and understanding open our hearts and minds to your will.

Let Us Pray

Come Spirit of the Wind. Fill our hearts with your gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, piety, fortitude, counsel and fear of the Lord. Help us to use these gifts to bring about a more peaceful and loving world by our caring for one another and for all of creation. We ask this in the name of our Creator and our Redeemer and our Eternal Love. Amen



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