

Liturgy for the
Jesus Youth
COMMITMENT DAY



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1. INTRODUCTORY

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

L: Lord, teach us to pray. **All:** Lord, fill us with your Holy Spirit.

L: Glory be to the Father... **All:** As it was in the...

L: Let us call upon the Father as Jesus taught us **All:** Our Father who art in heaven...

Song

2. PSALTER – PS. 46

[1] God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

[2] Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

[1] Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

[2] There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

[1] God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God will help her right early.

[2] The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

[1] The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

[2] Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has wrought desolations in the earth.

[1] He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, he burns the chariots with fire!

[2] "Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!"

[1] Glory be... [2] As it was...

[1 & 2] God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Song (followed by a time of Praise and Worship)

3. WORD OF GOD

Luke 24: 36-49

As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high."

4. REFLECTION ON THE WORD OF GOD

All sit and listen to the homily or an address which develop the scriptural readings and the theme of commitment and pledge as God's gift and call for the sanctification of those chosen and for the good of the Church and the whole human family.

5. JESUS YOUTH COMMITMENT PLEDGE

Calling

The Coordinator invites those who wish to make the commitment pledge in the following manner.

Coordinator: Would those who wish to make the commitment pledge please stand (or come forward)

Examination

Celebrant: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you have already been consecrated to God's service. Are you resolved to be more closely united to him through the bond of your commitment pledge in the Jesus Youth?

Candidate/s: With the help of God, we are willing.

Celebrant: In your desire to follow Christ more perfectly, are you resolved to be faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, to follow the spirituality of the Jesus Youth, to receive ongoing formation in the Jesus Youth and participate in the apostolic activities of Jesus Youth?

Candidate/s: With the help of God, we are willing

Celebrant: May Almighty God give you his grace to fulfill your resolutions.

Celebrant: My dear brothers and sisters, what do you ask of God and of his holy Church?

Candidate/s: We ask for the mercy of God and for the grace to serve him faithfully in and through Jesus Youth.

COMMITMENT AND SIGNING OF THE PLEDGE

The Celebrant is seated in front of the Alter. Two Senior Leaders stand beside the Celebrant as witnesses. The candidates kneel before the Celebrant and one by one read the Commitment Pledge. After the reading of the Commitment Pledge, the candidate signs the Pledge at the altar in the presence of witnesses and places the document at the center of the altar.

(This can be done in groups where the number of those taking commitment are large)

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO MADE THE COMMITMENT PLEDGE

Celebrant: Lord, Look upon these sons and daughters of yours who are resolved to commit their lives to you by making the commitment pledge in the presence of your Church today. Mercifully grant that their manner of life may bring glory to your name and further your loving plan of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

6. RESPONSE

Let us welcome the Holy Spirit along with our Mother Church -
'Veni, Creator Spiritus'

L: Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest.

L: Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest.

L: O comforter, to Thee we cry, O heavenly gift of God Most High, O fount of life and fire of love, and sweet anointing from above.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest.

L: Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known; Thou, finger of God's hand we own; Thou, promise of the Father, Thou Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest.

L: Kindle our sense from above, and make our hearts overflow with love; with patience firm and virtue high the weakness of our flesh supply.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest.

L: Far from us drive the foe we dread, and grant us Thy peace instead; so shall we not, with Thee for guide, turn from the path of life aside.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest.

L: Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow the Father and the Son to know; and Thee, through endless times confessed, of both the eternal Spirit blest.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest.

- L:** Now to the Father and the Son, Who rose from death, be glory given, with Thou, O Holy Comforter, henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.
- All:** Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace, and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light and listen to Your voice and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness.

Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You Adorable Spirit, helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace O Holy host, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord, for Your servant heareth". Amen.

LITANY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear our prayer. Christ, receive our prayer.
God the Father in Heaven, **bless us.**
God the Son, Redeemer of the World, **bless us.**
God the Holy Spirit, **bless us.**
Holy Trinity, One God, **bless us.**
Holy Spirit, equal to the Father and the Son, **come and fill us.**
Holy Spirit, promise of the Father, **come and fill us.**
Holy Spirit, gift of God, **come and fill us.**
Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth, **come and fill us.**
Holy Spirit, who descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, **come and fill us.**
Holy Spirit, who came upon Mother Mary, **come and fill us.**
Holy Spirit, who came upon the disciples at Pentecost and strengthened them, **come and fill us.**
Holy Spirit, who filled the early Christian community, **lead us.**
Holy Spirit, who performs miracles and wonders, **lead us.**
Holy Spirit, who teaches us to be witnesses for Christ, **lead us.**
Holy Spirit, who sanctifies us with the Word of God, **lead us.**
Holy Spirit, who dwells within the Church at all times, **lead us.**
Holy Spirit, who strengthens us through the Sacraments, **lead us.**
Holy Spirit, who teaches us to pray, **lead us.**
Holy Spirit, who gives us the strength to overcome temptations, **lead us.**
Holy Spirit, who makes us aware of sin, **lead us.**
Holy Spirit, who makes us aware of righteousness, **lead us.**

Holy Spirit, who teaches us about judgement, **lead us.**
Holy Spirit, who leads us into perfection of truth, **lead us.**
Holy Spirit, who gives us life in abundance, **lead us.**
Spirit of Wisdom, **lead us.**
Divine Light of Intellect, **lead us.**
Source of Prudence, **lead us.**
He who spreads the rays of spiritual strength, **lead us.**
Light of Knowledge, **lead us.**
Life-force of Devotion, **lead us.**
Light of the fear of God, **lead us.**
Spirit of Faith, **sanctify us.**
Spirit of Hope, **sanctify us.**
Spirit of Love, **sanctify us.**
Spirit of Joy, **sanctify us.**
Spirit of Peace, **sanctify us.**
Spirit of Humility, **sanctify us.**
Spirit of Gentleness, **sanctify us.**
Spirit of Forgiveness, **sanctify us.**
Spirit of Self-Control, **sanctify us.**
Spirit of Goodness, **sanctify us.**
Spirit of Mercy, **sanctify us.**
Spirit of Unity, **sanctify us.**
Spirit of Holiness, **sanctify us.**
Spirit of Faithfulness, **sanctify us.**
Spirit of the Children of God, **sanctify us.**
Protector of the Church, **sanctify us.**
Source of Divine Grace, **sanctify us.**
Comforter amidst sufferings, **sanctify us.**
Eternal Light, **sanctify us.**
Wellspring of Life, **sanctify us.**
Spiritual Unction, **sanctify us.**
Joy of Angels, **sanctify us.**
Inspirer of Prophets, **sanctify us.**
Teacher of the Apostles, **sanctify us.**
Source of strength of Martyrs, **sanctify us.**
Delight of all Saints, **sanctify us.**
O Holy Spirit, the Merciful, **have mercy on us.**
O Holy Spirit, the Merciful, **hear our prayer.**
O Holy Spirit, the Merciful, **bless us.**

O Holy Spirit, one with the Father and Son, Purifier and Comforter of all, fill the hearts of your servants. You are the gift of God most high, Wellspring of Life, Spiritual Unction, Fire and Love. You are the promise of the Father and the owner of the Seven Gifts. Enrich us with your gifts and fruits. Grant us purity of thought, humility of speech and prudence of action. Grant us perseverance in the midst of sufferings, faith to clear our doubts, hope in the midst of disappointments in life and love to see you in others. May all praise, glory and thanks be to you, who lives and dwells with the Almighty Father and his only Son, Jesus Christ forever and ever. Amen.

7. INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the Church and for all our intentions.
Our response will be: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

To revive the Church with a new Pentecost ...

Come, Holy Spirit.

To build unity between Christians ...

Come, Holy Spirit.

Bless the Jesus Youth movement to hear your Word and produce abundant fruits...

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal to us the joy of forgiveness ...

Come, Holy Spirit.

To fill us with your love so we may never shut our hearts to our neighbors ...

Come, Holy Spirit.

Bring a new heaven and a new earth as you promised, transform our lives ...

Come, Holy Spirit.

In these times of depression and uncertainty, renew our hope ...

Come, Holy Spirit.

(Spontaneous intercessions)

8. CONCLUSION

L: Let us pray in the words our Saviour gave us.

All: Our Father...

L: Let us pray Holy Spirit, you breathe upon what is fragile. You kindle a flame of living charity and love that remains within us, still alive under the ashes. And through you, even the fears and the nights of our heart can become the dawn of a new life.

All: Amen

All: The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Concluding Song