

## **The power of the Holy Spirit**

- Power is defined as 1) the ability to act effectively and 2) the capacity to direct or influence the behavior of others or the course of events. These two definitions accurately describe the power of the Holy Spirit. Because the power of the Holy Spirit is literally the power of God, the ability to act and influence is infinite, unlimited, and eternal. In this way, the power of the Holy Spirit is different from any other kind of power.
- The Holy Spirit's power was first seen; Genesis 1:1-2; Job 26:13a
- The Holy Spirit's creative power is seen in His creating new life in believers; John 3:6, Ephesians 2:1-2, Titus 3:5
- The Holy Spirit's power to influence the behavior of others and the course of events; 1 Samuel 16:13a
- The Holy Spirit did not permanently indwell God's people in the Old Testament; Judges 14:6a, :19, 15:14

- The power of the Holy Spirit enabled the disciples of Christ to turn the world upside down with the powerful preaching of the gospel; Acts 1:8
- The Holy Spirit's power was made manifest to a great number of people; Acts 2:1-4
- Stephen is a perfect example of the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit; Acts 6:5,8,10
- The Holy Spirit's power to endure trials and death: Acts 7:55-56
- The Holy Spirit's power to conflict of sin: 1 Corinthians 2:4-5
- The Holy Spirit's power to influence people and change the course of events: 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

- What is the mandate of the Holy Spirit: John 16:13-15
- The Holy Spirit takes everything Jesus has and shows it to us
- What does the world need: Jesus
- We need a renewed relationship with the Holy Spirit and greater intimacy with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ
- Time is short, only what is done for Christ will last
- What is our assignment: Destroyers of the works of the devil
- What is your calling: John 17:15

- Time for the “Remnant” to show up and suit up: Matthew 10:34-39
- Everything that the Holy Spirit instructs us to do is out of love:  
1 Corinthians 13:3
- Total surrender: Hebrews 1:9
- Paul’s advise to the church: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
- Where does this authority come from: Luke 9:1, Mark 16:17-18

## **Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, Your Word tells us that as You are, so are we in the world. Your Holy Spirit lives in us, and through His power, we are Your representatives. Jesus, You said that we would do the same works that You did, and even greater, through the power of Your Spirit. As we make ourselves living sacrifices, pour out the power of Your Holy Spirit on us and enable us to do Your works on earth.

Holy Spirit, our Comforter, and our Friend, as we stand on the Word, we ask that You rain down on us. Let Your power fall on us and change our hearts. Open heaven wide and pour out the rain of Your Holy Spirit over our church and our lives. Change us, renew us, empower us. We need Your touch again. Precious gift from heaven, send us Your cleansing rain.

Holy Spirit, our Living Hope, we long for Your glory and power. Our hearts long to be overcome by Your presence. Like a mighty rushing wind, fill this place. Baptize us with Your fire. Spirit of Truth, teach us all things and bring to remembrance the words of Jesus. Guide us into all truth. Give us power in our weakness to speak the Word of God with boldness.

Holy Spirit, we give all glory to You, for through Your mighty power at work within us, You are able to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Help us not to grieve You, dear Holy Spirit, but to submit to You and allow Your power to have full sway in us. We thank You for Your gracious presence dwelling within us. Glory to You in the Church and in Christ Jesus.

Dear God, we abound in hope by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Fill us with all joy and peace as we believe in You. Holy Spirit, empower our lives to produce Your fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Only through Your power can we live in holiness and in victory over sin. Convict us, fill us, and empower us.

Amen.