

Opening Prayer Service

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

Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians –1 Cor 12: 4–13

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one the power of miracles; another prophecy; another the gift of recognizing spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work on one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as He chooses.

This is the Word of the Lord: **“Thanks be to God.”**

We give thanks, O Christ, and through you we give thanks to the Father in the Spirit.

The Response is : **Lord Jesus, give us the gift of your Spirit!**
Make us faithful and living members of your Body, led by the Spirit of holiness.

We pray: **Lord Jesus, give us the gift of your Spirit!**
Keep us from despising a single one of your brothers and sisters, but rather let us remember that you gave yourself up for the least of these.

We pray: **Lord Jesus, give us the gift of your Spirit!**
Fill us with peace and joy through the outpouring of your Spirit.

We pray: **Lord Jesus, give us the gift of your Spirit!**
Help us to recognize and develop the talents You have so generously gifted us with.

We pray: **Lord Jesus, give us the gift of your Spirit!**

Closing Song: “We Can Make a Difference” Jaci Velaquez