

## Prayer to the Holy Spirit by Diarmuid O'Murchu



Come, Holy Spirit, breathe down upon our troubled world.  
Shake the tired foundations of our crumbling institutions.  
Break the rules that keep you out of all our sacred spaces,  
and from the dust and rubble, gather up the seedlings of a new creation.

Come, Holy Spirit, enflame once more the dying embers of our weariness.  
Shake us of our complacency.  
Whisper our names once more, and scatter your gifts of grace with wild abandon.  
Break open the prisons of our inner being,  
and let your raging justice be our sign of liberty.

Come, Holy Spirit, and lead us to places we would rather not go;  
expand the horizons of our limited imaginations.  
Awaken in our souls dangerous dreams for a new tomorrow,  
and rekindle in our hearts the fire of prophetic enthusiasm.

Come, Holy Spirit, whose justice outwits international conspiracy;  
whose light outshines spiritual bigotry,  
whose peace can overcome the destructive potential of warfare,  
whose promise invigorates our every effort  
to create a new heaven and a new earth,  
now and forever.

### **Psalm 119 by Nan C. Merrill**

Blessed are those who honor the Inner Being,  
who follow You with their whole heart,  
who enfold the world with love and walk on peaceful paths!

You have shown us the way of Truth that leads to freedom.  
O, that I might ever reflect the Light!

Then I shall know inner peace, as I surrender myself into your Hands.  
with all my heart I seek You; let me not wander from your teachings!

Your Word is imprinted upon my heart, that I may walk in your Light.  
with your Word in my heart, I listen in Silence,  
awaiting the clarity of your counsel.  
help me to know, O Teacher, the path to follow You;  
lead the way and I will come.