

grace

Spirit

The spirit is in the world. The power to get things done!

in the beginning

In the beginning
God created the heavens and the earth.
Now the earth was formless and empty,
darkness was over the surface of the deep,
and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,”
and there was light.

Genesis 1

opening prayer

Where our lives have been so crowded with noise that we have drowned out the voice of your spirit

Lord have mercy

Where our hearts have been so overwhelmed with busy-ness that we have squeezed out the presence of your spirit

Lord have mercy

Where we have become defensive through stress and fear and we have shrugged off the touch of your spirit

Christ have mercy

Eternal God

**awaken our hearts to the reality of your spirit
invigorate our senses with the purity of your spirit
break down our defences with the beauty of your spirit
fill us afresh with the presence of your spirit**

In the name of Christ

Amen

bring and share

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same God. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

1 Corinthians 12

still small voice

after the earthquake, wind and fire
comes a still small voice

let us listen in the silence
for the small voice of the spirit

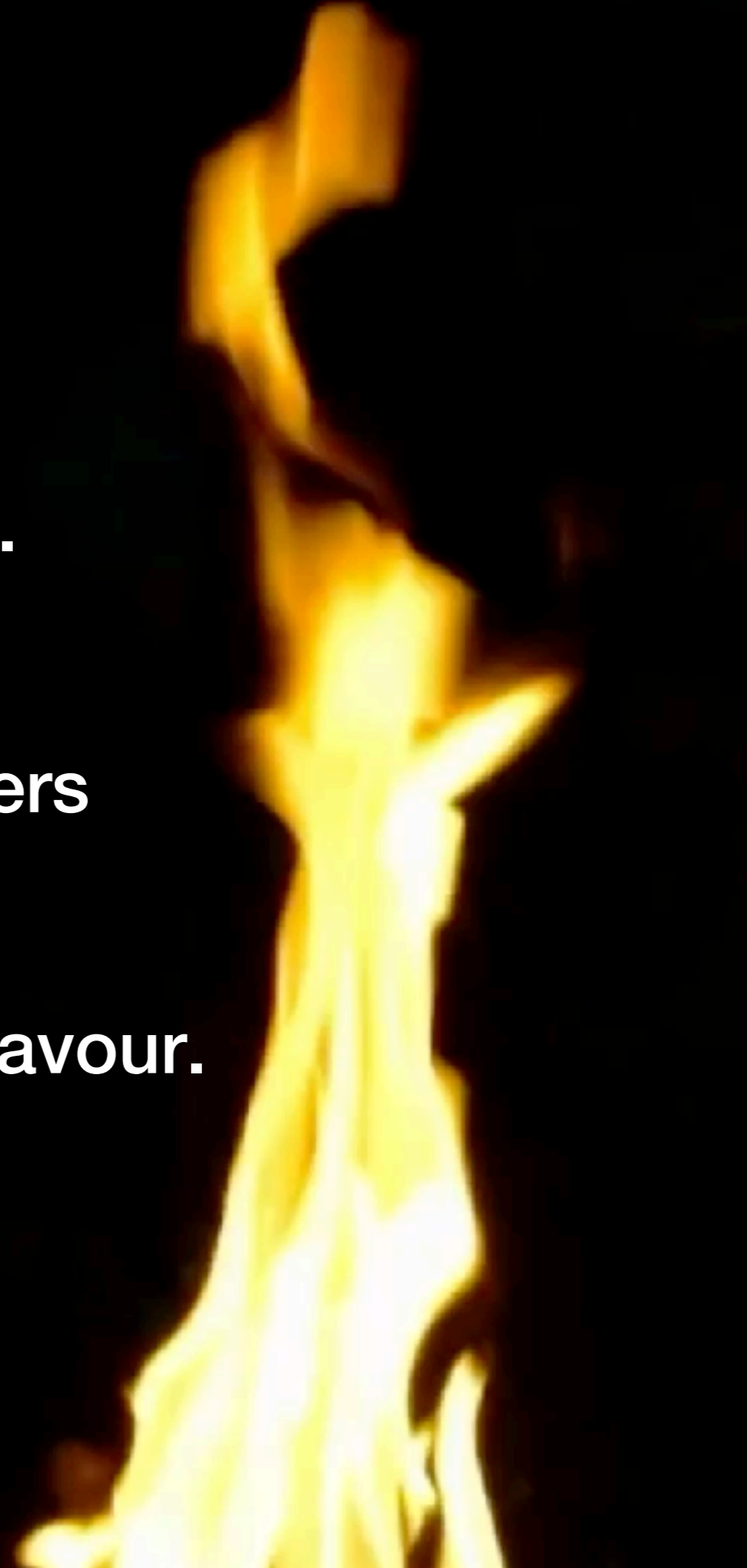
prayer for the
spirit in the world



The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me
to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

Luke 4 quoting Isaiah 61



**May the Spirit move in power
Let your love be felt and seen**



closing prayer

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comes a still small voice

let us listen for the small voice of the spirit

bringing direction not drama
perception not wishful thinking
prophecy not politics
compassion not judgement
wisdom not answers

small voice

**take us to where we should be
give us the words we need to speak
the vision we need to see
the actions we need to take**

**make us planters and weeders
your light in dark places
calm presence in turmoil
reality among lies**

**comforter
with us and strong**

**make us comforters
with others and strong**

**use us for the healing of the world
and the growing of your kingdom**

**for Jesus' sake
Amen**

blessing

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Joel 2 quoted in Acts 2

**May God send us out
in the power of the Spirit
as firestarters in the world
ablaze and yet alive
consumed and not destroyed
to be signs, dangers and comforts
in the name of Christ
Amen**

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