

VENI, SANCTE SPIRITUS

Prayer to the Holy Spirit as translated from the Latin by Father Caswall

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light!

From your pure celestial height,

Your pure beaming radiance give.

Come, Father of the poor!

Come, with treasures that endure;

Come, you light of all who live!

You, of all consolers best,

Visiting the troubled breast,

Most refreshing peace bestow;

You in toil are comfort sweet;

Pleasant coolness in the heat;

Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine!

Visit now this heart of mine,

And my inmost being fill:

When you take your grace away,

Nothing pure in man will stay;

All our good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds – our strength renew,

On our dryness pour your dew;

Wash the stains of guilt away.

Bend the stubborn heart and will;

Melt the frozen, warm the chill;

Guide the steps that go astray.

Grant to us who evermore

You confess and you adore

Your sacred sevenfold gift.

Give us comfort when we die;

Give us life with you on high

Give us joys that never end.