

# Being Filled with the Holy Spirit

*Be filled with the [Holy] Spirit. Ephesians 5:18*

Father, how thankful I am for the seal of the Holy Spirit on my life, His deposit in my heart that testifies that I am truly Yours. But today Father I come asking for more. Fill me afresh, I pray, with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. (Bring your heart before the Lord. Ask for a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit.)

I ask for myself and my brothers and sisters at (name of church), that we would be increasingly radical in putting to death our sinful natures that the Lordship of Jesus might be firmly established in our living, and there be greater room for the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. O God, may we be clothed with power from on high! Make us ready to receive all that You have for us, I pray.

Forgive us Father for the plans that we have made and the ways that we have walked in our own strength and have ignored the Holy Spirit. In doing so we have put out the Spirit's fire. Have mercy Lord and fill us again with the Holy Spirit.

I pray for our pastor(s) and ask that they would lead us by the Holy Spirit into deeper waters. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on them I pray with a fresh anointing to live-out their calling. (Pray for your pastor(s) by name.)

I ask for our elders, deacons and council members. Oh God, may all things be accomplished through the leading of, and submission to, the Holy Spirit. In all ways and in all things

may selfish ambition be put to death and the life of the Spirit unleashed in the hearts of those who lead us!

As we gather to worship together, I ask that the Holy Spirit rain down on us that we might be changed and first-love passion for Jesus burn within us once again. I ask that the Holy Spirit be present in power among us, from youngest to oldest. O God, fill us to overflowing with the Holy Spirit. (Pause and pray for those in your church community that you know by name. Ask that the Holy Spirit be poured-out on their lives.)

May we be led and guided by the Holy Spirit into ever deeper truth that we might truly know Christ and make Him known. Increase our hunger for Your Word and for holiness and the fullness of the expression of the Spirit among us.

May we learn to live by the Spirit in our everyday living, being attentive to His voice and obedient to His promptings.

May we keep in step with the Holy Spirit, putting aside our own agendas, watching closely for where He is at work and eagerly entering in.

May the fruit of the Spirit increase in our lives causing us to overflow with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. May it be evident to all that we belong to You.

Through the continual filling of the Holy Spirit, change us O God, and in so doing, may Your church come alive and be revived. In Jesus' name I ask. Amen.

Prayer Taken From: 2 Corinthians 1:22; Luke 11:13; Luke 24:49; 1 Samuel 2:9; Zechariah 4:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; John 16:13; Galatians 5:16, 5:25, 5:22

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