O God hear my voice, and grant unto the world your everlasting peace.

Pope John Paul II

Prayer for the Anniversary of 9/11

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, inflame once more the dying embers of our weariness, shake us out 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.

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