

# The Holy Spirit

**Subtitle: The Intercessor - Praying for Us in Our Weakness**

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## **Outline:**

### **1. Main Scripture**

#### **a. Romans 8:26-27 (NIV)**

- i. “In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”**

### **2. Prayer**

### **3. Main Idea:**

- a. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us, praying on our behalf when we are weak or don’t know what to pray.**
  - i. His intercession connects us with God in ways we cannot fully comprehend, reminding us that we are never alone in our struggles.**

### **4. Introduction:**

- a. Have you ever been so overwhelmed that you didn’t even know where to start praying?**



**b. Paul's words in Romans 8 are a powerful reminder of God's compassion for us.**

**i. The Holy Spirit knows our struggles, our doubts, and our weariness.**

**ii. When we are too weak to pray, He steps in and prays on our behalf.**

**iii. His prayers aren't limited by our understanding or vocabulary—they come from the depths of God's wisdom and love.**

**c. Think about this: the Creator of the universe cares so deeply about you that He provides His Spirit to intercede for you.**

**i. Even when your prayers feel clumsy or incomplete, the Holy Spirit takes those prayers and brings them before God.**

**ii. He understands the groans of your heart, even when you don't have the words to express them.**

**d. Application:**

**i. When you feel weak or unsure of how to pray, remember that the Holy Spirit is already interceding for you.**

**1. Rest in His strength and let go of the pressure to have the "perfect" words.**

**ii. Surrender your burdens to God in prayer, even if all you can say is, "God, I need You."**

**1. Trust that the Holy Spirit will carry the rest.**

**e. Conclusion:**

- i. In our moments of weakness, the Holy Spirit is our strength.**
- ii. He prays for us, lifting us up when we can't lift ourselves.**

**6. The Spirit aligns our prayers with God's will**

**a. Romans 8:27 (NIV)**

- i. "And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."**

**b. One of the most beautiful aspects of the Holy Spirit's intercession is that He prays in alignment with God's will.**

- i. Sometimes we don't know what to pray for because we don't fully understand what God is doing.**
- ii. But the Spirit knows.**
- iii. He searches our hearts and aligns our prayers with God's perfect plan.**

**c. Have you ever prayed for something you thought you needed, only to realize later that God had something better in mind?**

- i. The Spirit's intercession helps bridge that gap.**
- ii. He takes our limited understanding and transforms it into prayers that align with God's purposes.**

iii. This doesn't mean we always get what we want, but it does mean that we can trust God to give us what we truly need.

d. Application:

- i. This week, take time to pray with open hands, asking the Holy Spirit to align your heart and desires with God's will.
- ii. Trust God's timing and plan, even when it doesn't make sense.
- iii. Remember that the Spirit is interceding for you, ensuring that your prayers are in step with God's best for you.

e. Conclusion:

- i. The Holy Spirit's intercession brings our prayers into perfect harmony with God's will.
- ii. When we trust His guidance, we can have peace, knowing that God's plans are always good.

7. The Spirit connects us to God's heart

a. Ephesians 2:18 (NIV)

- i. "For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit."

b. The Holy Spirit doesn't just pray for us; He connects us to the heart of God.

- i. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 2 that we have access to the Father through the Spirit.



- ii. His intercession not only brings our needs before God but also draws us closer to Him, helping us experience His love and wisdom.

## **8. CLOSING**

- a. The Holy Spirit is our Intercessor, praying for us in our weakness, aligning our prayers with God's will, and connecting us to His heart.
  - i. Even when we feel inadequate or unsure, the Spirit is working on our behalf, ensuring that we are never disconnected from God.
- b. This week, I challenge you to rest in the truth that the Holy Spirit is praying for you.
  - i. Trust Him with your burdens, listen for His guidance, and allow His intercession to deepen your connection with God.
  - ii. Let this truth transform the way you pray and the way you live.
- c. Call to Action:
  - i. This week, rest in the truth that the Holy Spirit is praying for you, even in your weakness.
    - 1. Trust His ability to carry your burdens and connect your heart with God's will.

## **9. PRAYER**

- a. CORPORATE CLOSE OUT PRAYER:
  - i. Prayer:
- b. INDIVIDUAL SALVATION PRAYER

- i. And with heads bowed and eyes closed, if you're here right now this week, God's just been speaking to you.**
- ii. He's been working on you.**
- iii. I'm not going to ask you to raise your hand.**
- iv. I'm going to ask you to leave your seat.**
- v. I want to open up this altar to welcome you to come with just a heart of surrender to say, "God, do what you want to do" and just leave your seat right now.**
- vi. Let God just do a fresh work in your mind and in your heart.**

**c. Let's pray....**

- i. God, I believe that I am a sinner. I'm broken, and I can't fix myself. I believe that Jesus is your Son and that he died on the cross in my place. I believe that he rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and turn to you. Please forgive me and help me follow you. Jesus, thank You for Your love, Your forgiveness, and Your goodness in my life. Lord, I humble myself before You, and I put all my trust and hope in who You are. I want to experience all that You have for me. I surrender my whole life to You. God, fill me with the Holy Spirit. Have Your way in my heart, and let my life glorify You. In Jesus' name, amen.**

- d. Come on, give him praise this morning.**
- e. That is the best decision you could make. Mark this day down.**
- f. We want to walk with you, following Jesus should not be done on your own.**
- g. We're encouraging you to keep coming back.**
- h. Even if you make a mistake, just show back up.**
- i. Read your bible.**
- j. Read the translation that makes sense to you.**
- k. As you continue to get the word in your heart, he will transform your heart.**
- l. Get the word of God into your heart.**
- m. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.**
- n. Fill your daily life with worship.**
- o. Go into all the world and make disciples.**
- p. Invite someone you know to the service next week.**
- q. Let God step in and change things like never before.**
- r. There is more on the inside of you, He's madly in love with you, and He's proud of you.**
- s. He will sustain you.**
- t. We love you.**
- u. God is going to do something special.**
- v. Go out and live a life unlike anything that you have experienced before.**

## **10. Receiving the Holy Spirit:**

- a. **As His child, your loving heavenly Father wants to give you the supernatural power you need to live this new life.**
- b. **Luke 11:10,13**
  - i. **“For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”**
- c. **All you have to do is ask, believe, and receive!**
- d. **Pray, “Father, I recognize my need for Your power to live this new life. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. By faith, I receive it right now! Thank You for baptizing me. Holy Spirit, You are welcome in my life.**
- e. **Congratulations!**
- f. **Now you’re filled with God’s supernatural power.**
- g. **When we depend on the Spirit, He helps us and gives us the words.**
- h. **Our task is to respond in faith to what He gives.**
- i. **You don’t need to be afraid that God will embarrass you by forcing you to speak in a new language in public.**
- j. **The Holy Spirit enables a believer to speak in a new language.**
- k. **But the Holy Spirit does not force a person to speak.**

- l. The Spirit of God will never force a believer to do anything.**
- m. A believer may choose to speak in tongues or be silent.**
- n. It doesn't matter if you felt anything or not when you prayed to receive the Lord and His Spirit.**
- o. If you believed in your heart that you received, then God's Word promises you did.**
- p. Mark 11:24**
  - i. 'Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.'**