



# Table Prayer

## Gifts of the Holy Spirit

### Table Center

Small gift boxes on which are written the gifts of the Spirit (one per box): wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe of God's presence. Perhaps along with the gift include a small card that offers a brief meaning of that gift. For example:

- *Wisdom*: Helps us see God and God's goodness in all things.
- *Understanding*: Gives us insight into our faith and helps us teach others by word and action.
- *Right Judgment/Counsel*: Helps us make the right choices in life.
- *Courage/Fortitude*: Strengthens us to do what is right and to be faithful despite difficulties.
- *Knowledge*: Helps us know God and God's saving plan for us; what is important and what is not.
- *Reverence/Piety*: Calls us to love God and to respect God and all creation; we obey out love, not fear.
- *Wonder and Awe/Fear of the Lord*: Inspires us to marvel at the power and beauty of God's creation.

### + We Gather...

At this meal we gather to prepare for Confirmation or renew our understanding of Confirmation through our focus on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I invite you to choose one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that you long for most (little gift boxes) and share with everyone why you chose that gift.

### + We Tell the Story...

*Invite someone to proclaim the Scripture reading...*

"A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
The spirit of counsel and might,  
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord."  
(Isaiah 11: 1-2)

### + We Bless Our Food...

*We pray...*

Spirit God, we celebrate the gifts you have given those gathered here as we share a meal together.  
Grace our conversations and time together with your life giving presence.  
Bless the food you so abundantly give to us. Give us grateful hearts nurtured to reach out and feed others.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### + We Go Forth...

As we leave the table today I invite you to take with you one of the small gift boxes. I invite you to take it and give it to someone whom you have seen bearing witness to that gift. Give it to them and share with them why you have chosen them as its recipient.

Let us go forward to continue to celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit's gifts in our lives. Amen.