

Using our talents

Creative idea, finding Your Gift

Print and cut out the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" cards below, ensuring you have enough for one for each person. These are just a few of the gifts of the spirit (you might like to add cards for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control). On the day set up a table to one side as a prayer station with perhaps a lit candle and a copy of the Bible on it.

Read the Bible reading then invite everyone to come forward and take one of the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" cards on the table.

Bible Reading, Romans 12:6-8 (NIV)

⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your^[a] faith;⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,^[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Once everyone has taken a gift of the Holy Spirit, say the prayer together:

Dear God,

We pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, and piety.

May we always feel the presence of

the Holy Spirit directing us and guiding us.

Help us to use the gifts that the Spirit offers

to help others who struggle with decisions in their own lives.

And may we do all this in love and service to you, O Lord. Amen



Prayers

We pray for the members who use their skills of needlework and knitting to create beautiful objects for our many projects. We thank God for their ability and pray that they continue to be able to provide these gifts that bring joy and pleasure to many.

God of love and of life,

May you help us discover where our strengths lie and give us the perception we need to discover the gifts that we possess.

We give thanks for the talents you have blessed us with and ask you to direct our lives in a way that best uses our own unique combination of gifts.

Give us the courage to show others the talents they have and help us serve others in the community and in so doing build up your kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.