

30 Days of Prayer

Day 22

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Jesus tells us we have all been given gifts by the Holy Spirit. Many are blessed to know what their gifts are, and even more blessed to be able to use their gifts regularly. Others are still discovering their gifts.

Today we celebrate those gifts, recognizing that every one of us has been blessed with these gifts so that we may do Christ's work in the world.

God of spirit and light,

You have given me spiritual gifts so that I may do your work in this world, yet I often take those gifts for granted. You have called me into service, yet I resist saying "yes" to your calling. You have called me into generosity, yet I refuse to give of myself freely. You have called me into worship, yet I avoid offering my whole self to you.

Show me the way to serve you. Show me how to be abundantly generous. Show me how to immerse myself fully in praise and worship. Help me to see that all things to which I am called are wholly intertwined, and that serving, giving, worshiping, proclaiming, living, and loving are all ways to honor you. I praise you, Lord! I worship you, Lord! I claim you as my own, as you have claimed me! I thank you, Lord! I serve you, Lord! In the name of Christ,

Amen.