"Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you." 2 Timothy 1:14

The Agency of the Holy Spirit

There is so much that God does in, through and to His creation and His people. The means or agency of this is the Holy Spirit. Why does this matter to us? Perhaps because it is easy to take for granted the Holy Spirit and the role that he plays in God's play of creation. We learn and cultivate here some of the amazing ways that the Holy Spirit is the agency for our walk with God, for our spiritual growth and ultimate oneness with God the Father and Christ Jesus.

"I will put my Spirit within you." Ezekiel 36:27

Throne of Grace to Know, Honor, Receive & Activate the Agency of the Holy Spirit

This is a protocol going before God's Throne of Grace to more deeply know and understand the Holy Spirit, to come into a oneness with Him as a means to be one with God the Father and His Son Jesus Yeshua. This is death of the ego self and re-birth in the spirit, that Jesus spoke of to Nicodemus in John 3:5-6: "Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.""

1. Going Before God's Throne of Grace.

Dear Heavenly Father, I put on the robe of Jesus Yeshua's righteousness according to Isaiah 61 and I loose the Blood of Jesus Yeshua over myself to enter into Your Court of Grace sanctified, in praise and thanksgiving, in love and gratitude.

Dear Heavenly Father, I come before Your Throne of Grace to more deeply know and understand the Holy Spirit, to come into a oneness with Him as a means to be one with You and Your will, God our Father and Your Son Jesus Yeshua. Only in this way can I be fully and always in Your will, and therefore, fulfill my book in Heaven, my God destiny. For it is only those who do Your will that shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, according to Matthew 7:21 that says: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven." THIS is why I come before You today, Father God; that my will is fully Your will, through Your Holy Spirit.

I understand that this path is a commitment to death of the ego self and re-birth in the spirit, that Jesus spoke of to Nicodemus in John 3:5-6: "Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."

I ask You Father God, to help me to prepare for, receive and fully embody the full agency of the Holy Spirit that is available to me through Your grace.

2. Agency of the Holy Spirit

Dear Heavenly Father, help me to know, understand and receive the fullness of the agency of the Holy Spirit, Your Holy Spirit. Forgive me for taking him and his agency for granted. Help me to be one with Your Holy Spirit of Truth and therefore be one with Your agency working in and through him, for Your will on earth as it is in Heaven.

The Holy Spirit is Teacher

- ◆ Dear Abba, Father, John 15:26-27 describes how the Holy Spirit is an ever-abiding teacher: "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of Truth who comes from the Father, He will testify and bear witness about Me. But you will testify also and be My witnesses, because you have been with Me from the beginning."
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I understand from John 16:13 that knowing You is an ever-unfolding discovery: "But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth."
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, help me to receive the Holy Spirit as teacher. Bring me truth and revelation from You; for John 14:26 shares: "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." Truly, the agency of the Holy Spirit as teacher brings a form of grace. Thank you Abba, Father God.
- ◆ Dear Lord God, just as John 21:25 says that Your truth is not contained to one book, "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were recorded one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written", so too John 16:13 confirms: "But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth." Now I understand Lord God, that Your Holy Spirit is an infinite wellspring of knowing, truth and revelation of You and from You. What a profound gift! I commit to surrendering the confines of my ego-mind to You, in order to be filled with Holy Spirit as my teacher.

The Holy Spirit is Counselor

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, Nehemiah 9:20 says: "You gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, Your manna You did not withhold from their mouth, and You gave them water for their thirst."
- ◆ Abba Father, open the eyes of my heart, open my spiritual ears to hear from Your Holy Spirit. Help me to quiet my own mind and hear from humility what You want me to learn and hear. Help me to release

programs, beliefs and prejudices that limit my understanding of You and block Your depth of truth from being received and understood by me.

- ◆ Your Word in Psalm 32:8 says: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you."
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I submit to You with humility, to receive Your counsel and guidance, which go beyond man-made beliefs and prejudices.

The Holy Spirit is the Agency for Knowing & Expressing God's Thoughts

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, Your Word in 1 Corinthians 2:11 proclaims: "No one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God." I commit to and submit to hearing, in the stillness, Your thoughts, as I yield to the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ John 3:34 declares: "For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit." Father God, that You give the Holy Spirit without limit is truly beyond comprehension; beyond comprehending this unlimited grace. I submit to You for purification of my character; and I yield to Your Holy Spirit to know You more deeply.
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I know You can send Your Spirit into anyone to deliver a message or instruction. It can be a complete stranger on the street. I commit to living in a stillness that renders holy hearing, holy discernment to recognize communication coming from Your heart to mine; that I may be worthy to be one of Your 'holy ones'.

The Holy Spirit is the Agency for Faith

◆ Dear Heavenly Father, Your Holy Spirit is the depositor of faith within me. He is your agent and agency for delivering faith into my heart. Ephesians 1:13-14 says: "In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of the promise, who is a first installment of our inheritance, in regard to the redemption of God's own

- possession, to the praise of His glory." I commit to continually receiving Your gift of faith, that it is so deeply deposited within me, that it becomes part of the very fabric of my own heart and soul.
- ◆ Dear Abba, Father, thank you for the gift of Your Holy Spirit and all of his agency. I commit to being open in my heart to continually receive faith through him and his agency.

The Holy Spirit is the Agency for Entrusting the Deposit of Faith

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, according to 2 Timothy 1:13-14, I commit to holding on to the example of sound words which I have heard from Your Word, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. I commit to protecting through the Holy Spirit who dwells in me, the treasure which has been entrusted to me.
- ◆ I commit to protecting what has been entrusted to me, avoiding worldly, empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called "knowledge", which some have professed and thereby have gone astray from the faith, according to 1 Timothy 6:20-21.

The Holy Spirit is the Agency for Anointings

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, John 3:5-6 says: "Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."
- ◆ Lord God, this passage teaches me that the Holy Spirit brings the anointing; He is the agency for anointing including true baptism in the Spirit.
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, the Holy Spirit surely was the agency for the anointing of our Lord Jesus Christ: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4:18-19). Therefore, the Holy Spirit is the agency for anointing ALL of Your children. Lord God, I pray that by the

depth and strength of my faith and openness of my heart to receive, that I may receive the graces of anointing, gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit that You choose to give me. I commit to being a noble steward of these graces.

- ◆ 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 says: "Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge."
- ◆ 1 John 2:27 confirms the source of all Truth and its anointing: "And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him remains in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you remain in Him."

The Holy Spirit Brings Us God's Gifts

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, Your Word in James 1:17 says: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."
- ✦ Heavenly Father, I pray for the gift of deliverance which is given through the Holy Spirit: "If I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God is come unto you", says Jesus in Matthew 12:28.
- ◆ Dear Father God, I commit to recognizing every perfect gift, even those that do not initially appear as gifts; such as gifts of spiritual and emotional growth and maturation through tests and trials. Even being denied something I want can be Your gift to me. Thank you for helping me to grow in virtue, humility and maturity through all of Your gifts to me through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit Brings Revelation

◆ Dear Heavenly Father, Matthew 16:17 reminds me that true revelation, divine revelation, does not come from my own ego, but from Your Spirit: "And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.'" This verse refers to Peter's confession of Jesus as the

Messiah, and demonstrates that revelation is a form of grace. I commit to not taking this kind of grace for granted.

The Holy Spirit is the Breath of Life

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, Your Spirit is also an expression of the very breath, the very essence of life itself.
- ◆ Genesis 6:17 says: "Now behold, I Myself am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which there is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish."
- ◆ Genesis 7:15 continues: "So they went into the ark, by twos of all flesh in which there was the breath of life."
- ◆ Genesis 7:22 says: "All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died."
- ◆ Ezekiel 37:6, 9, 10 say: "I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord." Verse 9: "Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live." 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army."

The Holy Spirit is the Agency for Resurrection Life

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, Your Holy Spirit is the agency for resurrection and resurrection life. Upon death, You remove the breath of life; upon birth or re-birth, You put Your Spirit, Ruach, in us.
- ◆ Ezekiel 37:13-14 declares: "Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. 'I will put My Spirit in you and you will come to life, and I will place you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and fulfilled it,' says the Lord."

The Holy Spirit is Creational Agency

◆ Dear Heavenly Father, Genesis 1:1-3 says: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light."

Filled with the Spirit of God

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, it is clear from Your Holy Word that it is by Your grace that I may be filled with Your Spirit. Exodus 31:3 says: "I have filled him with the Spirit of God." Exodus 35:31 declares: "And He has filled him with the Spirit of God."
- ◆ John 20:22 confirms: "And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

The Holy Spirit is the Agency for Miracles

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, it is clear throughout Your Word that Your Holy Spirit is the agency for miracles and wonders. Ezekiel 37:1-2 says: "The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry."
- ◆ Romans 15:19 confirms this: "Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about to Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ."

The Holy Spirit is the Agency for Discernment

◆ Dear Father God, clearly the gift of discernment through the Holy Spirit is a grace, as You so gifted Joseph. Genesis 41:38-40 shares: "So Pharaoh asked them, 'Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?' Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. You

- shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you."
- ◆ What preceded this gift of discernment was the display of Joseph's virtues; virtues of integrity, kindness, humility and unwavering obedience to God. Help me Lord God, in my walk to be a truly virtuous man/woman, holy unto the Lord God Most High.
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, in Mathew 16:17, Jesus acknowledges that Peter has received discernment that could only have come from the Holy Spirit: "And Jesus said to him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven." Yet just moments later, Peter is in his flesh mind and Jesus responds accordingly in Matthew 16:23, "You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's purposes, but men's."
- ◆ Dear Abba, help me as I commit to always setting my mind on Your purposes, not mine nor men's agendas and belief structures. I submit my will and my ego to You, which hold fast to beliefs, opinions and world views, which thereby limit my ability to receive Your truth and the agency for Your truth, the Holy Spirit of Truth.

The Holy Spirit is the Agency for Testing Spirits

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit", says 1 Corinthians 12:3. If a person is religious but cannot proclaim this with their own tongue, the Spirit of the Lord does not abide in them. Even demons can feign religiosity. For Matthew 7:21 says: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven." Religiosity, busy with churchly affairs, can disguise a lack of true alignment with God's Will.
- ◆ Lord God, give me keen discernment that only comes from Your Holy Spirit, to discern Your Spirit from all of the counterfeits, to discern Your language speaking in tongues from demonic and counterfeit tongues.
- ◆ Galatians 4:6 tells us that we shall discern those with whom Your Spirit abides by their heart: "Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." Surely

- a cold-hearted or hard-hearted person is <u>not</u> abiding in Your Spirit because Your Spirit is love.
- ◆ Indeed, 2 Corinthians 11:14-15 instructs: "And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds."
- ◆ Open the eyes of my heart Lord God, to see with spiritual eyes the truth of hearts and to possess discernment of spirits, including demons cloaked as servants of righteousness.

The Holy Spirit Seals Us as the Lord God's Own

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for putting Your seal upon me, for Your Word in 2 Corinthians 1:22 says: "It is He who has also put His seal on us [that is, He has appropriated us and certified us as His] and has given us the Holy Spirit in our hearts as a pledge [like a security deposit to guarantee the fulfillment of His promise of eternal life]."
- ◆ Dear Abba, let Your mighty seal break off any remaining strongholds on me and my life; and thoroughly mark me as Your very own.
- → Heavenly Father, thank you for the profound gift of Your Holy Spirit and for helping me to walk with Him in an ever-deepening, enriching relationship. Amen.

3. Thanks and Gratitude.

- ◆ Thank you Heavenly Father for receiving me before Your Throne of Grace to help me deepen my relationship with Your Holy Spirit. In so doing, maturing and strengthening me spiritually and in every good way.
- ◆ To You alone be all the glory in Heaven and Earth forever and ever! Amen!

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# **Sealing Prayer:**

"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), to be with you forever— the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive [and take to its heart] because it does not see Him or know Him,

but you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit)
remains with you continually and will be in you.
But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name
[in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf],
He will teach you all things.

And He will help you remember everything that I have told you.

15:26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of Truth who comes from the Father,

He will testify and bear witness about Me.

**15:27** But you will testify also and be My witnesses, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

16:7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) to you [to be in close fellowship with you].

And He, when He comes,

will convict the world about sin, and about righteousness,
and about judgment: about sin [the true nature of it],
because they do not believe in Me [and My message];
about righteousness [personal integrity and godly character],
because I am going to My Father and you will no longer see Me;
about judgment [the certainty of it], because the ruler of this world (Satan)
has been judged and condemned.

**16:12** "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear [to hear] them now.

13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears [from the Father—the message regarding the Son], and He will disclose to you what is to come.

14 He will glorify and honor Me,

because He (the Holy Spirit) will take from what is Mine and will disclose it to you.

15 All things that the Father has are Mine.

Because of this I said that He [the Spirit] will take from what is Mine and will reveal it to you."

John 14:16-17, 26 John 15:26-27 John 16:7-11 John 16:12-15