

*(A prayer before every session of the Second Vatican Council)*

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
conscious of our sinfulness,  
but aware that we gather in Your Name.  
Come to us, remain with us,  
and enlighten our hearts.  
Give us light and strength  
to know Your will,  
to make it our own,  
and to live it in our lives.  
Guide us by Your wisdom,  
support us by Your power,  
for you are God,  
sharing the glory of the Father and Son.  
You desire justice for all:  
enable us to uphold the rights of others:  
do not allow us to be misled by ignorance  
or corrupted by fear or favor.  
Unite us to Yourself in the bond of love  
and keep us faithful to all that is true.  
As we gather in Your name  
may we temper justice with love,  
so that all our decisions  
may be pleasing to You  
and earn the reward  
promised to good and faithful servants  
You live and reign with the Father and Son  
one God forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

