

Homily

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What would it be like to have the very Spirit of God come down on us and rest on us? I love that expression, the Spirit of God **resting** on him. God being so happy and content that he can just rest and relax. And what would it be like to be able to share this Spirit with other people, to baptise them with the Spirit, to enable them to be fully spiritual, joyful and peaceful people?

The world is in a mess. There are bullies in our playgrounds. There are bullies in our places of work. There are bullies in positions of great power right across the world. We all seem to be pulling in different directions. We all want to fight over our own corner, to defend our own patch.

Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will. We have lost our overall vision of how wonderful our world can be. We're all ever so busy, but we're doing just our own thing, chasing our own hopes and dreams, but somehow forgetting the hopes and dreams of humanity as a whole.

*Here I am, Lord, I come to do **your** will;* not my will, not the will of Trump, not the will of our own church, tribe or social class, but the will of God. God wants the best for us. He wants us to be happy and joyful. He wants his Spirit to rest on us.

Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will. It is possible we can be spiritual and joyful people. All we have to do is to stand in his presence, look towards him and offer ourselves to him in love and service. Ask him, cry to him, plead with him.

The moment we all do this, the moment we put God's will above our own, the moment we truly pray, then world peace will have dawned. We will have been baptised with the Spirit and we will have become sources of joy and peace for those around us.

Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will. Here I am, Lord, I ask for your help. Here I am, Lord, I pray for the peace of the world. Here I am, Lord, I want to receive your Spirit. I want your Spirit to rest on me. I want to be with Jesus for ever.

Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.

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