

# Dear Padre,

I recently had a spirited discussion with a Protestant friend regarding Romans 8:26. He believes his “perfected prayer of being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues” is addressed in that verse. What does the Church say about this verse?

**Romans 8:26** says, “In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.”

I’d be careful not to interpret this passage too narrowly and limit its application only to the gift of speaking in tongues. In fact, its application is much broader and actually can be applied to all Christian prayer.

When it comes to praying effectively, all of us can use some extra help. We get that help from the Holy Spirit. Scripture scholar Joseph A. Fitzmayer, SJ, maintains that the Holy Spirit actually plays an active and dynamic role in helping Christians pray effectively by interceding on his or her behalf. In effect, the Holy Spirit expresses for us the inaudible prayers and groaning of our hearts, for which we have no words. So, when we pray, the Holy Spirit is actually present to us and makes up for what we are lacking in our prayer due to our own human weakness.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Let us try asking ourselves: Am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit?...This is a prayer we must pray every day: “Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day.”

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 15, 2013

## Calendar

**Monday**  
AUGUST 30  
Weekday  
1 Thes 4:13–18  
Lk 4:16–30

**Tuesday**  
AUGUST 31  
Weekday  
1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11  
Lk 4:31–37

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 1  
Weekday  
Col 1:1–8  
Lk 4:38–44

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 2  
Weekday  
Col 1:9–14  
Lk 5:1–11

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 3  
*St. Gregory the Great,  
Pope and Doctor  
of the Church*  
Col 1:15–20  
Lk 5:33–39

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 4  
Weekday  
Col 1:21–23  
Lk 6:1–5

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 5  
*Twenty-third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*  
Is 35:4–7a  
Jas 2:1–5  
Mk 7:31–37

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# 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 29, 2021



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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

...when you hold a banquet,  
invite the poor, the crippled, the  
lame, the blind;  
blessed indeed will you be because  
of their inability to repay you.  
For you will be repaid at the  
resurrection of the righteous.

Lk 14:1, 7-14

### Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of August 28 –September 3*

Sat 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased  
Sun 11:00 am †Lenard Sumter  
Sun 6:00 pm †Margaret Reyer  
Mon 8:00 am NO MASS  
Tue 8:00 am †Mark Jones  
Wed 8:00 am †All Souls in Purgatory  
Thr 8:00 am †All Souls in Purgatory  
Fri 8:00 am †All Souls in Purgatory

### Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of August 28 –September 3*

Sat 4:00 pm †Radich Family - Deceased  
Sun 9:15 am †Ann Newman  
Tue 6:00 pm Special Intention

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm  
at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick’s Chapel  
Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm

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