

Formed by the Spirit, ...Sent in Love

♥ An Invitation to the Spirit

(pause for silence)

Holy Spirit, you are God with us and within us.

Draw me to God.

Fix my heart on Jesus.

(pause)

♥ Loving God: Relationship Before Response

- What might God be wanting to say to me right now?
- Am I making space to abide with God, or only approaching God when I need something?
- What would it look like for me to love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength this week – and know that God loves me?

- Where is the Spirit inviting me into deeper trust, surrender, or delight in God?

(pause)

Loving Others: Overflow of God's Love

- As I sit in God's love, who comes to mind that I need to forgive?
- Is there someone I am holding at a distance instead of loving as Christ has loved me?
- How might receiving God's grace enable me to extend grace to them?

(pause)

Loving Self: Receiving Grace

- Do I truly believe that God's Spirit dwells in me—that I am deeply loved and welcomed?
- Where do I need to be more gracious toward myself in light of God's grace?
- Am I striving to prove myself, or resting in being God's beloved?

(pause)

Inner Life: Trust and Surrender

- What false needs or expectations am I clinging to instead of God?
- What am I relying on for security, identity, or control?
- What would it mean to release these into God's hands today?

(pause)

The Spirit's Work: Being Formed by God

- Holy Spirit, what are you forming in me right now?
- What fruit do you want to grow in me—love, joy, patience, courage?
- Where are you inviting me to deeper obedience or trust?

(pause)

Moving Outward: Sent in the Love of Christ

- Who is God placing on my heart to love, serve, or reach out to this week?
- Where in my daily life is God already at work—and how can I join God there?

- What would it look like for me to be a sign of God's new creation—bringing hope, healing, or reconciliation?
- Am I willing to be sent—to step beyond comfort for the sake of others?

(pause)

✦ A Prayer

Holy Spirit, form in me the life of Jesus.
Teach me to love God with all my heart,
To love others with grace and truth,
And to receive your love for myself.

Send me now into the world
As a sign of your new creation—
To live, to love, and to witness
To the reign of Christ.

Amen