



### **Scripture Nugget – Lord, give us Your Holy Spirit**

*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which one of you would hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf of bread, or a snake when he asks for a fish? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask Him (Matthew 7:7-11).*

**After giving us Jesus, how would God the Father refuse us anything that is for our good? (cf. Romans 8:32).** St Paul reminds us that since God did not spare His Son but gave Him to us, He would not withhold anything that we ask if it is good for us. Even a human parent who is imperfect in the love for his/her child knows how to give good things to the child. Even more so God. However, God's concern and perspective are different from ours. We are naturally focused on the short term and the temporal, and are afraid of sufferings and difficulties. On the other hand, God is more concerned with our eternal salvation, sanctification and our preparation for eternity. Thus, what appears to be good in our eyes may not be so in the eyes of God. *For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, My thoughts higher than your thoughts (Isaiah 55:8-9).* May we have the wisdom to share God's perspectives and be one with His Heart and His Mind!

**Jesus teaches us to ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit.** *If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him? (Luke 11:13).* The Holy Spirit dwells in everyone but not in the same degree. We need a strong, unencumbered presence of the Holy Spirit in our soul in order to achieve the level of holiness required of us as God's children. The sanctifying action of the Holy Spirit is encumbered by the presence of sins in our soul, our hardened heart, darkened mind and an attitude that is attuned to the world than to God. If a greater presence of the Holy Spirit comes into our soul through the supernatural intervention of God, our many iniquities can be burned up as our minds are enlightened on our unacknowledged sins, our hearts softened for repentance and we are strengthened to receive the grace of humility for true repentance. Let's not tire of asking the Lord to fill us with His Spirit! *Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive (Matthew 21:22).*

**Conversation with Jesus:** Precious Lord, overflow me with Your Holy Spirit, the first instalment of my eternal glorious inheritance (cf. Ephesians 1:14). He is the One Who lives in my soul, the One Who is closest to me, in Whom I live, move and have my being (cf. Acts 17:28). He is the One Who works day and night on my sanctification, preparing my soul for an eternal life of joy and peace. Heeding His gentle inspirations in every present moment is my short cut to holiness. Give me the grace to heed His inspirations. Through the Holy Spirit, consume all my iniquities and ignite the fire of divine love in my soul. Mary, Mother of Salvation, pray for me. Thank You, Jesus. Praise You, Jesus. www.twohearts.hk