

***The Song of the Spirit***  
***Father Cantalamessa***

***Veni Creator Spiritus prayer***

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,  
and in our souls take up Thy rest;  
come with Thy **grace** and heavenly aid  
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.  
O comforter, to Thee we cry,  
O heavenly gift of **God** Most High,  
O fount of **life** and fire of love,  
and sweet anointing from above.

Thou in Thy sevenfold **gifts** are known;  
Thou, finger of God's hand we own;  
Thou, promise of the Father, Thou  
Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

Kindle our sense from above,  
and make our hearts o'erflow with love;  
with patience firm and **virtue** high  
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,  
and grant us Thy peace instead;  
so shall we not, with Thee for guide,  
turn from the path of **life** aside.

Oh, may Thy **grace** on us bestow  
the Father and the Son to know;  
and Thee, through endless times confessed,  
of both the eternal **Spirit** blest.

Now to the Father and the Son,  
Who rose from death, be **glory** given,  
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,  
henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.

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