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Pope John XXIII has composed the prayer that follows, be
offered for the success of the forthcoming Ecumenical Council. We ask
that our readers join in its recitation for His Holiness' intentions.

O Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in the name of Jesus to
assist the Church and keep her from error, pour forth Thy gifts
in their fullness on the Ecumenical Council.

Gentle Teacher and Comforter, enlighten the minds of our
bishops, who will come together for this Council in readiness to the
Supreme Pontiff.

Grant that this Council may bear abundant fruit, so that the
light and strength of the Gospel may fill the lives of men, so that the
Catholic religion and its missionary activity may take on a new
significance, and that men may come to know more fully the teaching of
the Church and realize it more profoundly in their lives.

Strengthen our minds in truth, dear Guest of the soul, dispose our hearts to obedience, so that we may accept humbly and
sincerely what the Council decrees and willingly carry it out.

We pray also for the sheep who still remain outside the One
Fold of Jesus Christ, that they too who are proud to be called
Christians, may finally unite under the guidance of the One Shep­

herd.

Let this age of ours, like another Pentecost, see once more the
evidence of Thy power, and grant that Thy Holy Church, guided by Peter and united to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in con­
stant and unceasing prayer, may spread the kingdom of our
Divine Saviour, the kingdom of truth and justice, of love and
peace.

Amen.

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