

PRAYER IN THE HOME

PENTECOST: SUNDAY 28 MAY

GATHERING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

God is spirit

Let us worship him in spirit and truth.

Holy Spirit, come to us:

Let us praise his name together.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT for Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire;
Strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
Revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM 104:26-37b,

26 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.

**27 All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

28 When you give it them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

**29 When you hide your face they are troubled;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.**

30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

**31 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works;**

32 He looks on the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

**33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I have my being.**

34 So shall my song please him
while I rejoice in the Lord.

**35 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
and the wicked be no more.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Alleluia.

BIBLE READING Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and

astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'¹⁴

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Loving God, we ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and oppression; for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and hunger.

Holy Spirit: **give us life.**

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain; for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement.

Holy Spirit: **give us life.**

We ask for the peace and joy of your Spirit for those living in the shadow of war and violence; for those eaten up by guilt and anxiety. and whose Christian life has become hard and dry.

Holy Spirit: **give us life.**

We ask for the guidance and strength of your Spirit for those uncertain how to use their time, talents and gifts; for those tempted to do what is wrong.

Holy Spirit: **give us life.**

We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit for those reaching out to comfort the distressed; for those reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ.

Holy Spirit: **give us life.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours**

now and for ever. Amen.

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God.