

# PRAYER IN THE HOME

PENTECOST: SUNDAY 23 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 104:26-37

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

27 **There is the sea, spread far and wide,  
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 **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

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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.

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

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"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.

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

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