

Celebrating and Praying Pentecost



In joy and peace,
we pause and recall that the Spirit of God
dwells in each of us
and we are temples of this same Holy Spirit.
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

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Joel 3: 1-5

Thus says the Lord,

I will pour out My Spirit on all humankind.
Your sons and daughters shall prophesy,
the elderly shall dream dreams,
your young men and women shall see visions.
Even upon your servants and handmaids,
in those days I will pour out Me Spirit.
And I will work wonders in the heavens and on the earth.

Spirit seeking light and beauty,
Heart that longest for Thy rest,
Soul that asks for understanding,
Only thus can you be blessed.
Through the vastness of creation,
Though your restless thoughts may roam,
God is all that you can long for,
God is all His creatures' home.

Let us pray:
On that first Pentecost day
You opened the way of eternal life
to every race and nation
by the promised Gift of Your Spirit.
Shed abroad this Gift throughout the world
by the preaching of the Gospel
and the zeal of we who believe in Jesus the Christ
so that it may reach to the ends of the earth.
Amen.

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1 Corinthians 12: 3-7

No one can say: "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit;
there are different ministries but the same Lord,
there are different works but the same God
Who accomplishes all of them in every one.

To each person the manifestation of the Spirit
is given for the common good.

The body is one and has many members,
but all of the members, many though they are, are one body;
and so it is with Christ.

It was in one Spirit that all of us,
whether Jew or Greek, slave or free,
were baptized into the one body.

All of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit.

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord all you lands.
Sing to the Lord and bless His name.
Announce His salvation day after day.
Tell His glory among the nations;
among all the peoples, His wondrous deeds.

Worship the Lord in holy attire,
Tremble before Him all the earth;
say among the nations: "The Lord is King."

Glory to You, Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
As it was, is now, and forever will be. Amen.

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The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, says the Lord,
to be with you forever.

John 14: 16

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to Me, says the Lord,
and you also will be My witnesses.

John 15: 26-27

When the Spirit comes,
He will teach you all truth
and bring to your mind all that I have told you.

John 16: 33

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
and there is one God Who is the Father of all.

Ephesians 4: 5-6

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God Who called you
out of darkness into the marvelous light.

1 Peter 2: 9

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Breathe on me, O Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I might love what You do love, and do what You would do.

Breathe on me, O Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with You I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, O Breath of God till I am wholly Yours,
Until this earthly part of me grows with Your fire divine.

Breathe on me, O Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with You the perfect life of Your eternity.

Intercessions

Holy Spirit, descend upon us with gifts of wisdom, fortitude, piety, and reverence for God.

Spirit of God, rain down Your gifts on our parched spirits.

Holy Fire of Love, create and recreate our world with the power of Your love.

Open our hearts to You that we may unite ourselves; our thoughts, words and actions to Your will.

Spirit of Peace, You are God's peace to us.

Let us mirror Your peace and joy to all whom we encounter.

Touch the hearts of all those who pursue violence.

O Spirit of Wisdom, You are all knowledge and understanding.

Guide us who are Your special people, to salvation.

Help us to be enlightened by Your Word in Holy Scripture.

Watch over all who lead Your people in positions of government.

Spirit of Generosity, You freely give us Your sevenfold gifts.

Teach us to be generous with our lives and to serve You and Your people in ways that are fruitful and holy.

Spirit of Life and Grace, come and be with us

and strengthen us in our times of despair, sickness and trial.

Lead the faithful departed to Your heavenly home

and instill in us a spirit of hope.

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At that first Pentecost, You, O God, poured out the Spirit of Jesus on those gathered in Christ's name. Come now, O Holy Spirit, and descend upon us as we are re-awakened to Your mighty power. Make us bold in living out and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus the Christ. May we walk in Your light, O Holy Spirit, all the days of our lives. Amen.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle

and all you holy Brothers who have gone before us,

Inspire us to call on the Holy Spirit

to help us grow in holiness and wholeness.

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!