

Prayer of the Church – Sunday 23 May, 2021 – Pentecost Year B

Thank you, Holy Father, for giving the Holy Spirit to your people at Pentecost, as you had promised. Pour out your life-giving Spirit on your church to help us in our weakness, interceding for us with sighs too deep for words. *Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.*

You sent out your Spirit on the disciples like the rush of a mighty wind and distributed tongues of fire on their heads. Burn out all that is evil in us; consecrate all your people for holy service and empower us to work with you for the salvation of the world. *Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.*

You inspired the disciples with your Spirit to praise your marvelous deeds in many different languages. Unloose the tongues of all your people, so that we may joyfully confess you as our Lord and boldly proclaim our common faith to the world. *Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.*

Your Spirit touched the hearts of those who heard the gospel from Peter. Sharpen the consciences of those who hear your word and convince them of its truth, so that they may turn from their sins and receive the gift of forgiveness. *Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.*

You gave the Holy Spirit to all those who were baptised on the day of Pentecost. Let your Spirit renew the faith of all those who have been baptised, so that they may devote themselves to the apostles teaching, the fellowship, the breaking of bread, and the prayers. *Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.*

You brought light out of darkness and order out of chaos by your Spirit in the creation of the world. Let your Spirit move over our unruly world and bring peace where there is trouble and unrest. *Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.*

Your Spirit brought healing and hope through the good news of Jesus' resurrection. Give this same healing and hope to all who are sick or distressed today, including Christine Leonard, Marie Adam, Brian Miller, and others we now name in our hearts... (brief silence)
Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.

You united people from many different nations and cultures by your Holy Spirit. Bring together those who have been divided by misunderstanding, hatred, and mistrust, and join us with them and all the angels as we adore you forever;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.