

Prayer of the Church

Pentecost Sunday

31 May 2020

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 throughout the world and equip its members with the gifts of your Spirit. Especially equip all pastors with the truth of your word, the gospel of peace, and the love of Christ. *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 Christ as our Lord and boldly proclaim our common faith to the world. Bless the confession of Christ made by your people, and give all Christians the unity that is only possible through the Holy Spirit and your word of truth. *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. Open the minds and hearts of those in our homes, in our neighbourhoods and in our workplaces to hear and believe. *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 in public worship to the teaching of the apostles, the giving of gifts to you, the breaking of bread in the Lord's supper, and the prayer of the church for the world. *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 heal its broken people. Bring peace to places 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 those whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.