

PRAYER

GOD OF ALL NATIONS,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. THROUGH
THE POWER OF YOUR SPIRIT,
MAY WE TELL THE WHOLE WORLD,
IN MANY LANGUAGES, THAT
THE SPIRIT IS ALIVE
IN OUR HEARTS,
BRINGING JOY AND PEACE
TO ALL WHO BELIEVE IN YOU.
WE PRAY IN THE NAME OF JESUS,
YOUR SON, WHO LIVES WITH YOU
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.
AMEN.

Pray this prayer with your family.

FAMILY REFLECTIONS: 1. What do you think it was like for the disciples to be filled with the Holy Spirit on Pentecost? Imagine you are one of the people who hears the disciples speak of the great things God has done. How would you respond? 2. How do people today respond to the Holy Spirit? In what ways have you felt the Holy Spirit alive in you? What is that like for you? 3. Listen to the Spirit alive in you. What do you hear? What might the Spirit be asking you to do?

NEW WORDS

PENTECOST is a Jewish feast which was celebrated on the 50th day after Easter. It is a feast of thanksgiving for the harvest. On that day Jews from all over the world would come to Jerusalem. It is to these many people that Peter proclaimed the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus. Many believe and were baptized. Today, Christians all over the world celebrate Pentecost on the 50th day after Easter. On that day we celebrate that the church is filled with the Holy Spirit to be given to all nations.

THE HOLY SPIRIT is the Spirit which the risen Lord gives to all who believe in him. The Holy Spirit gives us strength, love, and peace, and many other gifts.

SUNDAY



✠PENTECOST (B)✠ ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

On the day of Pentecost, the believers were gathered in one room. All of a sudden they heard a sound like a strong wind that seemed to fill the whole house. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire coming and resting on each one of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit; immediately they started to speak in other languages.

At that time, there were visitors in Jerusalem who had come from all over the world. They were amazed because they heard the believers speaking in so many languages. They said, “How are they able to speak like this? Aren’t all of these people from Galilee? Yet we can all hear them telling in our own languages about the great things God has done.”

(Based on Acts 2:1-8, 11b.)

THE GOOD NEWS FROM JOHN

On Sunday evening, the disciples were gathered in a room upstairs. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood in the room and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. Jesus said again, "Peace be with you!" Then he breathed on the disciples and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

(Based on John 20:19-23.)



*They were all filled
with the Holy Spirit.*

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