

Pentecost

Prayers and worship resources for Pentecost – updated May 2014



Invocation

Come, Holy Spirit:
breathe into our prayers
your breath of life.

Come, Holy Spirit:
fan the flame of love within us,
and draw us into the life of God:
Father, Son and Spirit.

Come Holy Spirit:
renew us and revive us,
that in our worship
and in our living,
we may live a life of love
for the praise and glory of God.

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Lord God, as once your Holy presence filled the temple, on Pentecost we thank you that your Holy Spirit now fills your people the Church.

Fill each of us with your Spirit that our lives are daily transformed from one degree of glory to another.
Ignite in us a passion to seek your will, a desire to know your word, and a readiness to respond.
So fill us with your Spirit that our lives cannot help breathe out your praise.

Make your Church a temple of the Holy Spirit.
Where there is injustice, make your church a royal priesthood and a holy nation.
Where there is violence, make your church an ambassador for Christ.
Where there is greed, hatred or pride, grant your church a truly prophetic voice.

Fill your people with your Holy Spirit, that we might be a holy presence in your world.

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Spirit of Freedom Blessing

May the God who created a world of wonder,
diversity and beauty
Send us out in the spirit of freedom
to bring creativity and life
to our communities
and to our world.

May the Christ-child who turned tables and lifted up the lowly
Send us out in the spirit of justice
to be the voice for the voiceless
to our communities
and to our world.

And may the Spirit who stirs hope and brings healing
Send us out in the spirit of peace
to bring reconciliation
to our communities
and to our world

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The dance of the Spirit

Before anything else existed;
Even before time,
For time itself had yet to become,
The Spirit waited;
Listening, poised and ready;
Ready to dance across the waters of chaos,
At the Creator's will and bidding.

For hers is the task of making the mind of the Creator known;
Plumbing the depths of His wisdom;
Exploring timeless mysteries;
Hearing the whispers of eternity,
Then planting its truths
In mortal consciousness and intuition

And the will of the Creator
Was that there should be light;
And so she danced
With vivid strands of Red and Orange
Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo and Violet.
Weaving them together;

Each uniquely present
Yet also hidden
By the pure white brilliance
That was their combining

And in the eye of the creator
Were endless galaxies,
And in one and the same moment
The tiniest atom and cell;
And so she leapt across the seas of space
Darting between a million stars
While countless gestures and intricate twists
Defined their minutest detail.

And wherever her feet landed
Order and beauty
Subdued the chaos of the firmament;
As she gathered and tamed the waters
And painted the colours of sky;
Her hands traced the outline
Of a thousand circles
That each became the orbit of a restless planet
For as long as time would prevail

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A call to worship (based on Romans 8)

There is now no condemnation for those who are
in Christ Jesus,
*For he has made us righteous, and his Spirit gives us
life.*

The Spirit - who raised Jesus from the dead,
The Spirit - who lives within us;

The Spirit - who has adopted us as God's children;
The Spirit - who sets us free;

The Spirit - who confirms in our inmost being, that
we belong to Christ.
We are born again by God's Spirit

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A Pentecost Prayer of Confession and Commitment

Spirit of God, you blow where you will
Free and unpredictable, familiar yet surprising
Yet often we prefer the comfort
Of that which we can devise and contain
Break us, bend us, mould us, fill us

Spirit of God you work in ways unseen
And dance to rhythms we have yet to discover
But our eyes remain fixed on past routines and
disappointments
And the endless landscape of your purpose is
obscured by their shadow
Break us, bend us, mould us, fill us

Spirit of God, you make possible
What wisdom alone can neither imagine nor
believe
Yet our boundaries stay fixed to limits of our
making
While beyond them you wait to exceed our every
expectation
Break us, bend us, mould us, fill us

Spirit of God, you renew and restore
What yesterday's struggles have damaged and
broken
Yet we too readily wallow in the hurts and
frustrations
That your healing presence invites us to abandon
Break us, bend us, mould us, fill us

Spirit of God, inspire our imaginations with what
you might achieve
Accomplish within us, what could never be
attempted in our strength alone
Release us from ourselves, that your purposes
might prevail
Break us, bend us, mould us, fill us

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A Pentecost Commission

Spirit of Truth - Guide us in your ways

Spirit of Freedom -Release our hearts and imaginations

Spirit of Wisdom -Inhabit our thoughts and conversations

Spirit of Healing - Restore and anoint us for your service

Spirit of Forgiveness - Pour out your grace upon us

Spirit of Hope - Open us to new possibilities

Spirit of Power - Accomplish your purpose through us

Spirit of Unity - Bind us in love and common endeavour

Spirit of Life - Inspire and enable us to fulfil your calling

Spirit of Christ - Mould us in your likeness

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