

# Prayer for the Feast of Pentecostal Spirit in Our World

## Preparations for Prayer

*During the prayer the gifts of the Holy Spirit on the last page of the prayer may be distributed. In preparation, the gifts need to be cut out and placed ready on a platter. They could be coloured and decorated appropriately.*

## Welcome and Gathering

*Let us sit in stillness and breathe deeply.*

*Listen to your own breath coming into your body  
and your own breath leaving your body.*

*Allow yourself to come to a quiet place  
within your own being  
breathing  
steadily and slowly.*

*Reverence the quiet energy of life-giving breath of our world.*

## Pray

*Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in us  
the fire of your love. (repeat)*

## For Beauty

God of Creation,  
open our eyes, our ears,  
our minds, our hearts,  
our bodies, our bones  
to the beauty that is within and without.

Help us not to be blind  
to the goodness that surrounds us  
or deaf to the sounds that resonate inside us.

You reveal yourself daily  
through the radiant splendour of your creation  
and the design of your heart.

May we be mindful of our responsibility  
to not only appreciate magnificence  
but to co-create it as well.

May a more beautiful world  
be the challenge of our peace-making  
and the desire of our hearts.

Glory to you Creating Spirit  
Life of the World  
Integrating Presence.  
Glory and praise to you forever.

*Charlotte Zalot osb. The Fire of Peace. p.43*

### **Scripture** *Wisdom of Solomon 1:6; 7:22 - 8:1*

Wisdom is the kindly Spirit.  
She is intelligent, holy, unique and unmistakeable:  
Subtle, dynamic, perceptive, pristine, unclouded,  
Unconquerable, compassionate, shrewd, compelling,  
Generous and loving towards mortals, faithful,  
Faultless, serene, directing all, knowing all,  
All pervading, ever intelligent, pure and most subtle spirit.  
She is the breath of the power of God,  
A pure light of the glory of the Most High....  
She is the light that shines forth from everlasting light,  
The flawless mirror of the dynamism of God  
And the perfect image of the Holy One's goodness.....  
She enters into holy souls  
And makes them friends of God and prophets,  
For God loves the one  
Who finds a home in Wisdom...  
She stretches forth Her power  
From one end of the earth to the other  
And gently puts all things in their proper place.

### **Reflection** *Pause for Reflection*

### **Scripture** *John 20:19-23*

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, who said to them again,

“Peace be with you. As Abba God sent me, so I’m sending you.”

After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said:

“Receive the Holy Spirit,

If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven.

If you retain anyone’s sins, they are retained.”

## **Reflection** *Pause for Reflection*

## **Ritual Action - sing the Mantra** *(or other hymn)*

*Holy Sacred Spirit, breathe your breath on us*

*Holy Sacred Spirit, breathe your life in us.*

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*While the mantra is sung, pass the platter containing the gifts of the Spirit around for each person to take one as her gift.*

*During the coming weeks become aware of the way the gift of the Spirit that you have chosen graces your life*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Life-giving Spirit, breathe in our hearts and our world your passion for peace.

**Response** **Confirm us as women of peace.**

Fire of Faithfulness, we pray that we will be attentive to the power of God's mission in the world.

**Response** **Ignite us with your presence in our world.**

Spirit of Wisdom, we pray that leaders everywhere listen to the urgent needs of their people and our planet and will be courageous in their decision-making for life.

**Response** **Give us courageous hearts.**

Reconciling Spirit, we pray for your tender healing through forgiveness of mess and brokenness in ourselves, our communities and through our world.

**Response** **Pour your healing power in us.**

Spirit of Truth, we pray that we learn to live more simply.

**Response** **Anoint us with simplicity of heart.**

### ***Invitation to Sisters to include other prayers ....***

We pray that our Sisters celebrating their birthdays today experience joy and kindness.

**Response** **May the love of the entire Josephite family enfold them.**

We pray for our Sisters who rest with you, great Mystery of Love. *(read Sisters' names from the obituary list).*

**Response** **Eternal rest give to them O God  
And let perpetual light shine upon them  
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

## Sing together

### ***O Breathe on Me O Breath of God*** (or other preferred song)

*O breathe on me, O breath of God,  
fill me with life anew that I may love  
the things You love, and do what you would do.*

*O breathe on me, O breath of God,  
until my heart is pure;  
until my will is one with Yours,  
to do and to endure.*

*O breathe on me, O breath of God,  
my will to Yours incline,  
until this selfish part of me  
glows with Your fire divine.*

*O breathe on me, O breath of God,  
so I shall never die,  
but live with You the perfect life  
for all eternity.*

## Prayer

Creating Spirit, breath of life and energizing presence,  
Stir us into quickness and freshen our hearts  
with new resolve to join you in mission.  
We make our prayer, confident in your power and compassion.  
Amen.

## Blessing

May the dancing Spirit's infectious love swirl us into joy and freedom!

**All Alleluia!**

May the abundant Spirit of generous radiance flow through, and over, beneath, and above our  
world and our hearts!

**All Alleluia!**

May the gentle Spirit of warm hospitality, spread welcome and healing in every corner of our  
being.

**All Alleluia!**



*As the wings of doves over their nestlings,  
And the mouths of their nestlings toward their mouths,  
So also are the wings of the Spirit over my heart.*

Early Syriac Christian prayer.

Cited in Elizabeth A. Johnson. *Women, Earth, and Creator Spirit*. Paulist Press, 1993: 56.

**The Gifts of the Spirit**

to be cut out and prepared for prayer



*Wonder and Awe*



*Courage and  
Audacity*



*Wisdom and  
Astuteness*



*Understanding  
and Insight*



*Discernment  
and Good  
Judgment*



*Knowledge  
and awareness*



*Reverence  
and Respect*