

Pentecost Sunday

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

On this Pentecost day when the Church is filled with the power of God's Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers to the Father.

1. As the disciples '*all met in one room*', we pray for the Church as she meets in synod. Send your Spirit of love and truth that your Church may renew the face of the earth in its service of the Gospel. **Lord, hear us.**

2. For all the baptised: filled with the Holy Spirit, may they joyfully and generously offer their wisdom, experience, gifts and talents for the good purpose of building up of the body of Christ. **Lord, hear us.**

3. For those confirmed in the Holy Spirit in recent months. May they allow the Holy Spirit to penetrate and influence their lives more deeply and concretely as they strive to live the faith they profess. **Lord, hear us.**

4. Transform our world into a community of justice and peace, that hearts intent on harming others may turn from violence to peace, hatred to understanding, and revenge to mercy. **Lord, hear us.**

5. For translators, those who help us communicate and understand foreign languages in our modern world. May their skills ease the burden of all who travel, enlighten those engaged in study, motivate those in business and enterprise, and inspire those immersed in their faith. **Lord, hear us.**

6. For those preparing for exams – filled with the spirit of wisdom, may they calmly attend to the questions set before them, demonstrating the best of their ability and work throughout the year. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For the peoples of our world who do not know God, that the Spirit of truth proclaimed to every nation may ‘*bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen, warm the chill; guide the steps that go astray.*’ **Lord, hear us.**
8. For Christians throughout the world who live in fear because they bear the name Christian. May the Lord strengthen their resolve to hold firm in their witness to Christ. **Lord, hear us.**
9. Touch the hearts of all in need of forgiveness, that they may experience the love and mercy of God through the fruitful celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Lord, hear us.**
10. ‘*Peace be with you*’, Jesus said as he greeted the disciples. We pray for peace throughout the world. We pray for the innocent victims of conflict and war. We pray for peace in Tigray, Ethiopia; Ukraine, and Somalia. **Lord, hear us.**
11. For the sick, that the Holy Spirit will bring them strength, comfort and healing. **Lord, hear us.**
12. For those who have died. May they be raised up in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Lord, hear us.**

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God of power and might, breath your life-giving Spirit into your Church, that she may be Your instrument of Salvation for all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Please note: The Presider may choose an appropriate number of prayers from these sample Prayers of the Faithful.)