RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT PENTECOST

WORD OF THE WEEK ACTS 2: 1-13

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, 'These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? We are from Parthia, Media, and Elam; from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia; from Pontus and Asia, from Phrygia and Pamphylia, from Egypt and the regions of Libya near Cyrene. Some of us are from Rome, both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and Arabia—yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!' Amazed and confused, they kept asking each other, 'What does this mean?' But others made fun of the believers, saying, 'These people are drunk!'

"The Holy Spirit EMPOWERS us, give us STRENGTH, and equips us with BOLDNESS to speak the truth."

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Jesus. we are gathered here today. in a simple room. just like those first disciples. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Empower us to be changed. To be who you created us to be. Fill us with the gifts of your spirit.

> We pray together... Our Father. who art in heaven Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. why will be done. On earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses. as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom: Helps us to see the world from God's point of view. Understanding: To know more clearly the mysteries of faith.

Right Judgement: To make wise decisions. Courage: So you can accomplish what is good. Knowledge: Enables us to discover God's will in all things. Reverence: Helps us to love God.

Awe and Wonder: To respect God's majesty and power.

WHAT IS PENTECOST?

Just before Jesus ascended into Heaven He promised the disciples that He would send someone to guide and enable them to live godly lives. Pentecost is when this took place. It is the day on which God sent the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter.

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Church and the start of the Church's mission to the world.

SOMETHING TO DO

Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would be sent to be with the first disciples and us to help us in our lives. The Holy Spirit gives us these 7 gifts to help us be the best people we can be. Which one do you need most this week?

In a moment of silence prayer ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with this gift.

> "The Holy Spirit assures us that we can always succeed with God." Pope Francis 2023

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