

This Sunday the Church celebrates the great feast of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter.

As St Peter's waits to unlock the church building, messages are being displayed in different languages on the closed doors as a way of communicating the faith and wisdom we share.

Come, Holy Spirit, dance
Within our hearts today,
Our earthbound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay.

Michael Forster based on 1 Corinthians 12

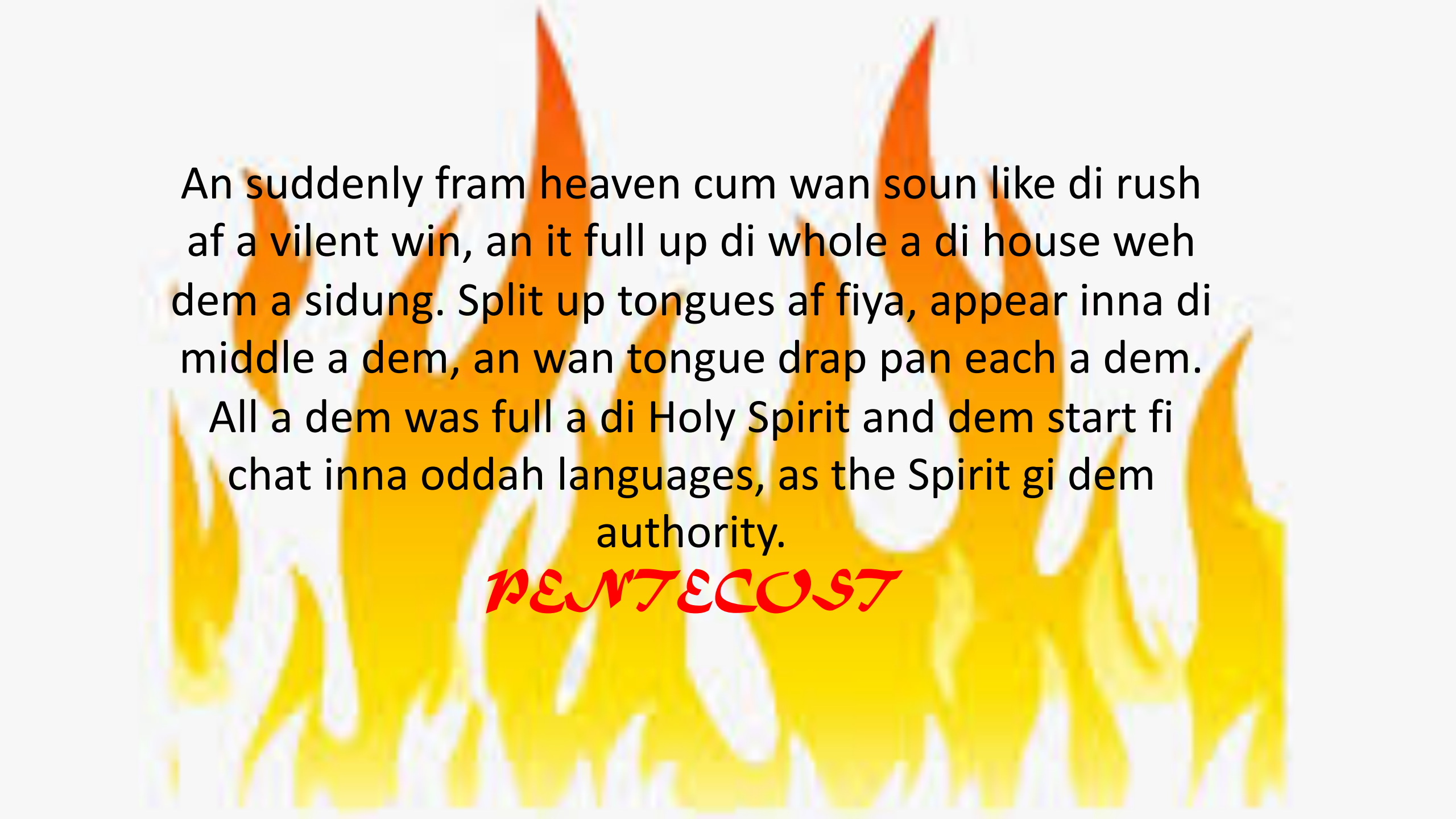
O' Holy Spirit be in this place
Surround it with the warmth
of your embrace.

Let the power of your peace
and your grace

Be always in this place

Holy Spirit come into this place.





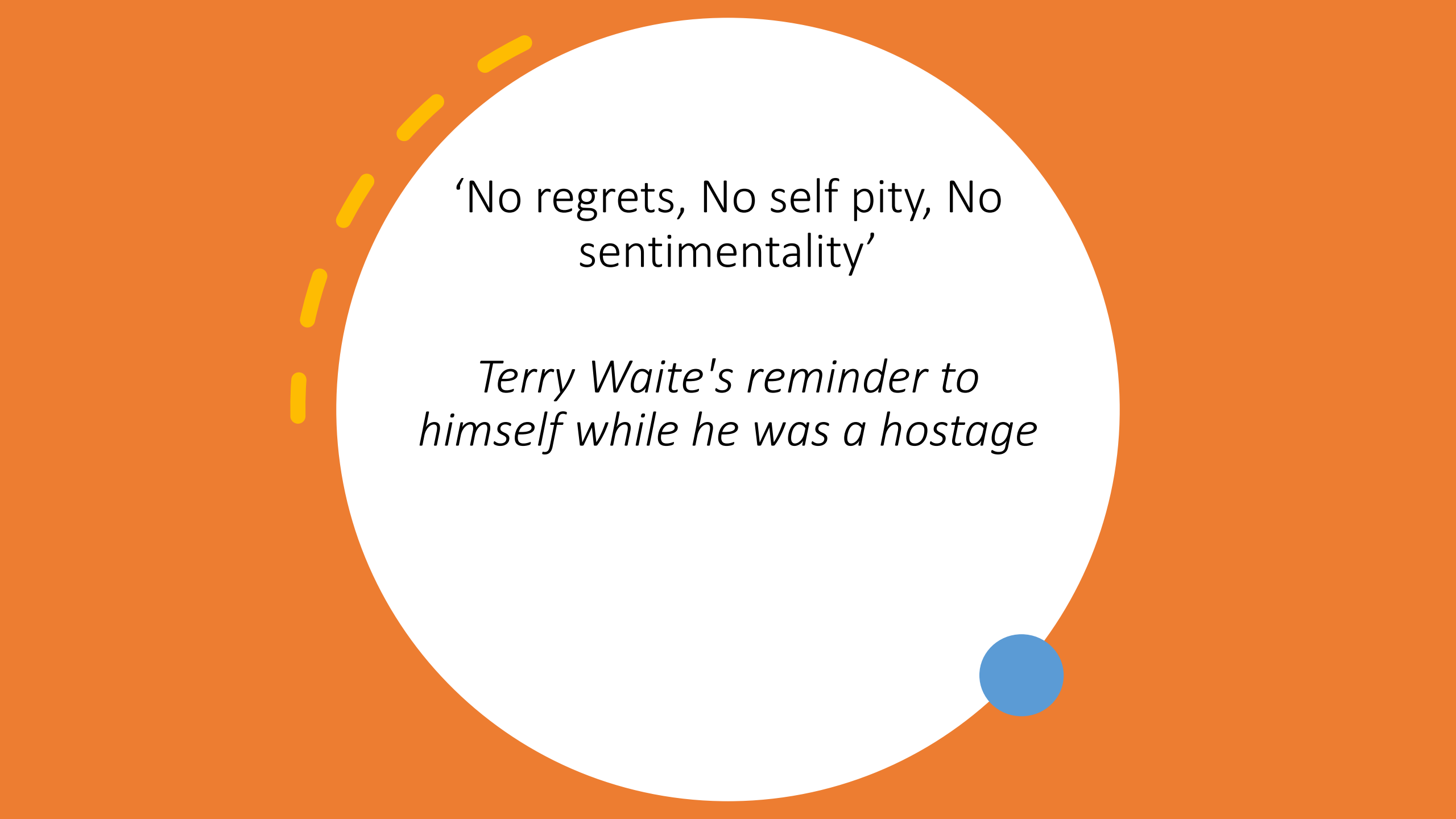
An suddenly fram heaven cum wan soun like di rush
af a vilent win, an it full up di whole a di house weh
dem a sidung. Split up tongues af fiya, appear inna di
middle a dem, an wan tongue drap pan each a dem.

All a dem was full a di Holy Spirit and dem start fi
chat inna oddah languages, as the Spirit gi dem
authority.

PENTECOST

De mensheid lijdt het meest
door alles wat zij vreest
doch wat niet op komt dagen.
Dies heeft zij meer te dragen
dan God te dragen geeft.

Humanity suffers most from everything it *fears* but which does not appear.
And so it suffers more than God gives to bear.



‘No regrets, No self pity, No
sentimentality’

*Terry Waite's reminder to
himself while he was a hostage*

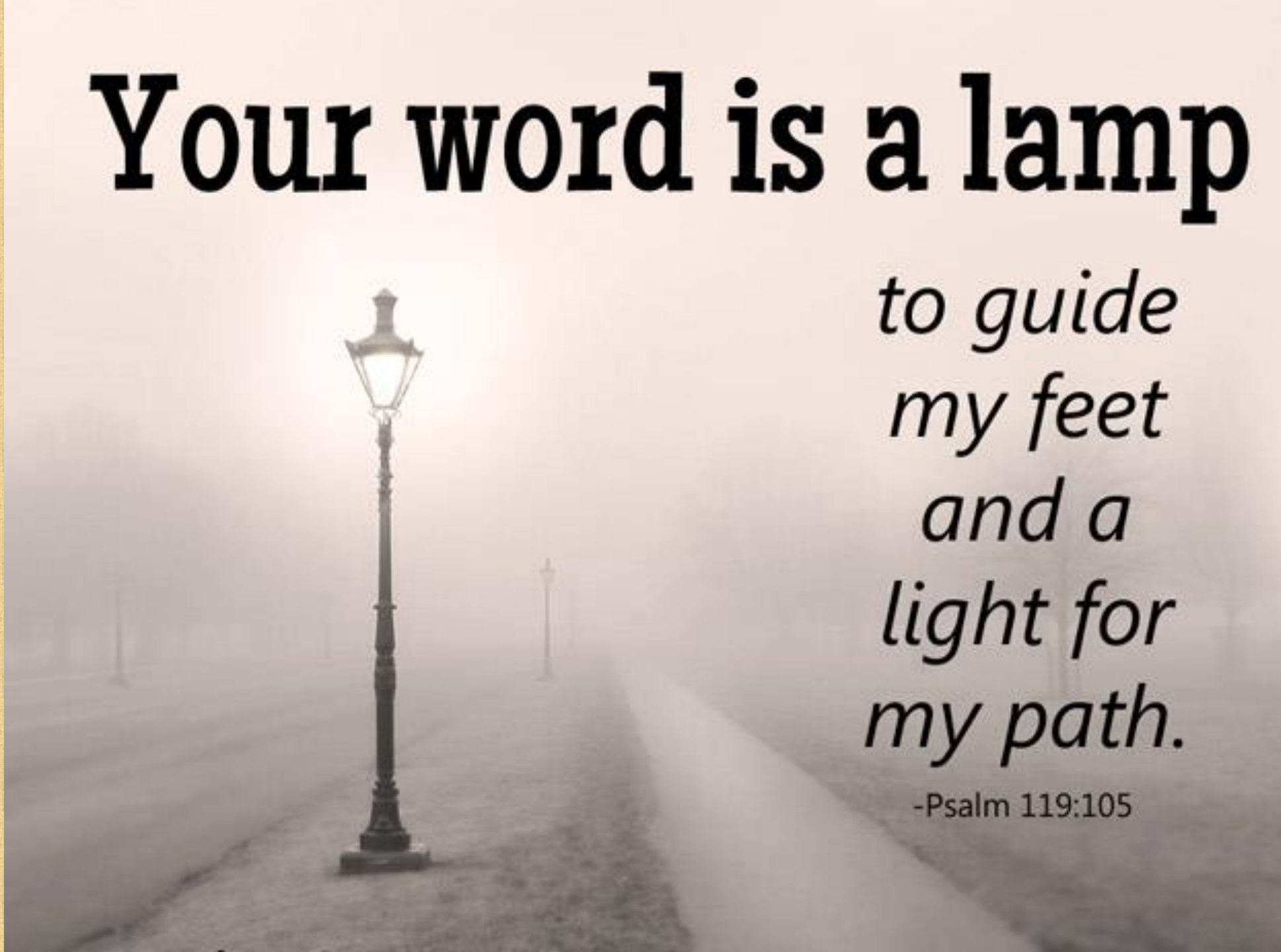
W'asem ye
me nan ase
kanea, Ne
me kwan
so hann.

Nnwom 119 :105

Your word is a lamp

*to guide
my feet
and a
light for
my path.*

-Psalm 119:105



Faith

*is seeing light
with your heart
when all your eyes
see is darkness*

Hope



Wait for the Spirit

Wait ...

Without expectation

Which might focus

Attention too narrowly,

So that we miss the coming.

Wait with expectancy, alert,

Hearts, minds, hands, ears,

Open to receive the gift.

Ann Lewin



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TOUCH
your
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5 times
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The parable

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25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

26 And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:

29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

31 ¶ There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.

32 And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.

33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren?

34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

CHAPTER 4.

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3 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:

4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

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6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

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10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

14 ¶ The sower soweth the word.

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

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21 ¶ And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?

22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

23 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

26 ¶ And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

30 ¶ And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

32 But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

33 And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to bear it.

34 But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

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CHAPTER 5.

AND they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.

2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,

7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.

12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter in.

При наступлении дня Пятидесятницы все они были единодушно вместе. И внезапно сделался шум с неба, как бы от несущегося сильного ветра, и наполнил весь дом, где они находились. И явились им разделяющиеся языки, как бы огненные, и почили по одному на каждом из них. И исполнились все Духа Святого, и начали говорить на иных языках, как Дух давал им провещевать. *Acts of the Apostles 2.1-5*

Our Daily Bread.

The best gift you can give
to others may be your time
Our real real wealth is
what we invest for eternity
God is always trustworthy.
God works in and through
his followers. True freedom
is found in following Christ.

THE CORONA VIRUS.

THIS PANDEMIC VIRUS - WHATEVER - HAS HIT US. BUT, WE NEVER KNOW WHAT IS ROUND THE CORNER IN LIFE. WE HAVE TO GET ON WITH OUR LIVES. AT THE MOMENT TRYING TO STICK TO THE RULES TO KEEP THE VIRUS AT BAY. THIS IS OR HAS TO BE OUR APPROACH TO LOCKDOWN.

THIS VIRUS IS ALL OVER THE WORLD AND SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES. WHICH IS VERY SAD AND FOR FAMILY'S WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LOVED ONES.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER THIS IS A WORLD WIDE EPIDEMIC.

ALL WE CAN DO IS HOPE AND PRAY FOR EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE.

ALSO HOPE THEY SOON FIND A CURE WHICH TAKES TIME. THERE MUST BE SO MUCH TO BE TESTED BEFORE, THEY CAN COME UP WITH A RESULT.

I ALSO FEEL FOR THE CHILDREN THEY SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL LEARNING. BUT, THIS CANNOT BE AT THE MOMENT. THEY CAN ONLY GO BACK WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT. WHEN EVERYTHING IS ON THE "ALL CLEAR"

THIS IS A TERRIBLE THING AND WHEN IT IS WORLD WIDE AS WELL.

LET US ALL HOPE AND PRAY TO THE END OF THIS EPIDEMIC.

TAKE CARE AND GO! BLESS TO YOU. ALL.

From Acts of The Apostles 2

18 Ati sára awon omo-odo ni
okunrin, ati sára awon omo-odo
ni obinrin mi emi ó tú ninu.
Èmi ni jade ni ojo won-on-ni
won ó si má a sọtélé.

19 Emi ó si fi isé iyanu han
loke ni orun, ati àmi nisale
lori ilẹ̀: èjẹ̀, ati inà ati rirú
è éfin.

20 A ó so oorun di òkunkun, ati
osupa di èjẹ̀, ki ojo nla afiyesi
Oluwa ki ó tó dé.

21 Yòò si se, enikeni ti ó bá
pè oruko Oluwa, a ó gbà á lẹ̀.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and
women,

in those days I will pour out
my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the
heaven above

and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's
great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord shall be saved."

For Pentecost Sunday May 31 2020
Lesson in Yoruba (from Esther)



It has been called 'The Great Pause', and throughout the loss and sadness, the chaos and the uncertainty, this period also allowed us to touch base with ourselves. We will return to rush around, argue and debate. But Lockdown bound us together in invisible ways. Long may that connection endure.

Sarah & Gerard

Tmjem tajjeb isewwi kollox

"All's well that ends well"

This Maltese proverb reminds us that
all hardships are worthwhile in the
end.





Fra Angelico Detail from *Ascension*
panel in 'Corsini' triptych