

PENTECOST DAILY PRAYERS

Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. In Celtic Christian tradition there follows is a forty day period of 'walking in the Spirit' during which these worship patterns are especially suitable.

Morning Prayer

Opening

Creator Spirit, come,
fresh as the morning dew.
**Inflaming Spirit, come,
kindle our hearts anew.**

There may be singing or music.

Psalm Psalm 36:5-9; 139:7-12; 23 or 24

A Song of the Spirit

I will gather you from the nations,
I will sprinkle pure water upon you and cleanse
you from all that defiles,
**I will put a new spirit within you and you shall
be my people.**

A new heart I will give you,
I will remove your heart of stone and give you a
heart of flesh,

**I will put a new spirit within you and you shall
be my people.**

You shall be my people and I shall be your God.

**Glory to the Source, Creator, Redeemer and everflowing
Spirit.**

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Joel 2:28,
29 *or* a reading of the day

Spirit of the quiet earth,
Spirit breathing hope to birth,
bring forth in us the fruit of love.

**Spirit, kindle flame that darts,
Spirit, waken song in hearts.**
Spirit blowing through creation,
inspiring deeds for proclamation,
bring forth in us the fruit of life.
**Spirit, kindle flame that darts,
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Spirit tearing down our walls,
be the One who speaks and calls,
bring forth in us the fruit of faith.
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New Testament Reading: John 16:4b-15; Acts 2:1-11, 4:23-31 *or* a reading of the day

Flame of love,
light us up.
Flame of truth,
light us up.
Flame of seeing,
light us up.

God of the call, God of the journey, you have
anointed your servants from the Day of Pentecost
until now. Anoint us as you will for the ministries you will.
Here we wait, alert and open, praying that you
will come to us . . .

There may be intercessions, silence, music, singing or other creative activity

Strength-giver,
may your fibre grow in us.
Fortifier,
may your praises swell in us.
Indweller,
may your presence dwell in us.

O Spirit, be free in us,
let us not bind you through fear
of where your disturbing power will lead.

Burst through this brittle shell,
shake us to the foundations,
strip us to the core
which is our essence and your love.

There may be singing or music

Closing

The blessing of the perfect Spirit be ours,
the blessing of the Three be pouring on us,
graciously and generously,
hour by hour.

Midday Prayer

Come from the four winds, mighty Spirit of God,
and revive your weary people.

In our labour,

be our Refreshment.

In our adversity,

be our Strength.

In our distress,

be our Comfort.

For your Spirit permeating every atom of creation,
we praise you with wonder in our being.

For your creativity planted deep in every soul,
we praise you with wonder in our being.

In the beginning, O God,
your Spirit swept over the chaos of the cosmos
like a wild wind
and creation was born.

In the deep and unsettled waters of our lives
and our lands today,
let there be new stirrings of your Spirit.

New Testament Reading: *John 7:37-39*

Jesus said: If anyone is thirsty, let them come to me and drink. From
the heart of the person who
believes in me shall flow rivers of living water.

He said this about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive.

Spirit of the living God, anoint our creativity, ideas and energy, so that even the smallest tasks may bring you honour.

When I am confused,
guide me.

When I am weary,
energise me.

When I am burned out,
infuse me.

Release in us the power of your Spirit
that our souls may be free
to roam your boundless stretches of space.

May we,
soar high like the eagle,
glow like the fire,
flow like a river.

Silent or free prayer, singing or music

Psalm Psalm 46

Great Spirit, Wild Goose of the Almighty,
be our eye in the dark places,
be our flight in the trapped places,
be our host in the wild places,
be our brood in the barren places,
be our formation in the lost places.
Be with us, Lord, now and for the rest of the day;
filled with your Spirit, may we journey on with
you.

Evening Prayer

You led your people by a cloud;
lead us by your Spirit now.
You lit your people by a fire;
light us by your Spirit now.

There may be singing or music

Psalm Psalm 104:25-end; 150, or another psalm

**Spirit of God,
the breath of creation is yours.
Spirit of God,
the groans of the world are yours.
Spirit of God,
the wonder of communion is yours.
And we are filled.
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There may be silence.

**Old Testament Reading: Exodus 31:1-11; 33:7-11; 1 Samuel 10:1-7
or a reading of the day**

**May your Spirit cover all
O King of the Tree of life,
the blossoms on the branches are your people,
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**Come, like fire, and kindle love in our hearts.
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sea, so may you flow with the Spirit until your life
becomes complete.**

Night Prayer

When Pentecost came the disciples were together and there came what looked like tongues of flame. These separated and rested on the head of each one individually.

Acts 2:1, 3

**Come, flame of love.
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Come, flame of joy.**

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As the sun sets,
renew the face of the earth.
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May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon you,
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Isaiah 11:2

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