

Pastoral Prayer for Pentecost, May 31, 2020

God of wind and fire and water,
Because the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters at the beginning
of time,
And the Spirit of Life was breathed into earth to create humankind,
We know that the Spirit is with us, around us in the very elements that
make life.

The gift of Pentecost is receiving the Spirit that was present at creation,
promised by Jesus, and is experienced by every generation of believers.

Like a rush of wind that is felt yet unseen, we feel the Holy Spirit swirl into
and through our lives.

May the Spirit refresh our faith
Fill all the rooms of our daily living
Enliven our prayer
And stir our hearts to serve you
In all those made in your image.

Like tongues of fire that alight on each of us
May your Spirit catch our attention
Amaze us so that we wonder and pursue wonder
Cause our hearts to burn hot with the desire for justice
Empower us to prophesy, envision, and dream
Of kindling your Kingdom here on earth.

Like water that turns our seed into grain
And our grain into bread,
The waters of baptism turned us into a community.
May your Spirit, poured on us one at a time,
Bind us together as the Body of your Christ.
AMEN

A prayer for times of violence

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O God, who is the first breath
And gives us our breath
Inspire us to cry out for justice
On behalf of those whose voices are choked
Literally to death.

O God, whose peace passes all understanding,
Enlighten us so that we can know our own role
In unjust systems and violence done in our name
So that we can learn and teach
Your way of Love.

O God, whose son Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life
Help us follow him through our denial
Out of our despair
Toward listening, healing, and wholeness
For all of our sisters and brothers made in your image.
AMEN