

Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2020 Morning Prayer & Scripture

A Pentecost Prayer Poem

**God of Wind, Dove & Holy Flame
 God of Jesus, and peoples of every name---
 this Pentecost 2020 is unprecedented!
 We can't celebrate as previously expected!**

**As the apostles did that first Pentecost Day
 we'd prefer to gather in one place to pray!
 Though due to a virus your Body is scattered
 we're united in Spirit—and that is what matters!**

**God of Wind, Dove & Holy Flame
 God of Jesus who sees our face, knows our name-----
 we pray for all the lost, sick, lonely and scared:
 Spirit, heal and console so they know that you care.**

**We pray for all leaders, keep them healthy and strong.
 Grant to each one wisdom to choose right from wrong.
 Embrace first line workers in your heavenly arms.
 Protect the most vulnerable ones from all harm.**

**Come alongside the dying and their families too.
 Bless all those who mourn, you know what they're going through.
 May life lessons be gleaned from those taken too soon
 and their memories honored as conditions improve.**

**God of Wind, Fire and Heavenly Dove
 God of Jesus; the human expression of LOVE
 guide your church O God, through difficult days
 as we focus on Jesus and living His Way.**

**May expressions of caring, whether lengthy or brief
 offered to others, bring welcomed hope, joy and relief.
 Thank you for angels dressed in human disguise
 who run errands and phone, or give helpful advice---**

**to keep us all active, connected, and safe.
 In their caring we catch a glimpse of Christ's face.**

**All praise we now offer to you, God, Three- in- One
 ‘great things you have taught us, great things you have done!’*
 Though the Pentecost 2020 is unprecedented—
 Spirit-filled, we’ll live by your GRACE that’s unending.**

Amen

**lyrics by Fanny Crosby*

Scriptures

ACTS 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

I Corinthians 12: 1, 4-13

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; **⁵**and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; **⁶**and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. **⁷**To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. **⁸**To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, **⁹**to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, **¹⁰**to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **¹³**For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.