

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
PENTECOST 19 MAY, 2024

L Let us pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church.

Each petition will conclude: O Spirit of the living God,

Congregational response: **graciously hear us and renew us.**

Petitions

* Lord God, thank you for the faith you have put in our hearts. Thank you for your words of love and forgiveness. Thank you for the coming of the Holy Spirit who keeps us looking to Jesus in faith.

O Spirit of the living God, **graciously hear us and renew us.**

* Please send your Spirit to touch the hearts of all those who hear your gospel. Turn them from their sins and give them the gift of forgiveness.

O Spirit of the living God, **graciously hear us and renew us.**

* Your Spirit led the early Christians to devote themselves to worship, teaching, the giving of gifts and fellowship. Send your Spirit into the hearts of your people today that they may be like the early Christians.

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* Lord God, you have given us a job to do. You want us to spread your word and the good news of your salvation to those around us and other parts of the world that we can reach in some way but often we don't know how to do that. Please send your Spirit to lead us, teach us and to make us bold to work for you.

O Spirit of the living God, **graciously hear us and renew us.**

* Father, we look around us and see many faces of older people and wonder where the young families are. Perhaps it is harder for them to believe than it is for those of us who are older since too often their friends and acquaintances encourage them to walk away from you. Please send your Spirit to them. Lead them to know that no problem, sadness or joy here is more important than believing in and serving you with the promise of heaven waiting for them.

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Concluding prayer

L Unite your people from many different nations and cultures by your Holy Spirit. Bring together those who have been divided by misunderstanding, hatred, and mistrust, and join us with them and all the angels as we adore you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.