

Prayers of the People - The Day of Pentecost - ABC

Filled with the Holy Spirit, let us offer prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of the whole human family saying, *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that in the power of the Spirit we may be signs of God's love, joy and peace. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the grace to love in the truth that the Spirit of God will lead us into a greater understanding of who we are and of what God is asking of us. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who seek peace, that God will break the hatred in human hearts, end violence and establish a season of peace in areas of conflict. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who are recovering from storms and floods, that God will send peace upon nature, protect people from harm and give them strength to rebuild their lives. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those for whom we ought to pray, remembering especially.....that they may be comforted and strengthened by God's life-giving Spirit. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially....., that they may find rest and peace in God's presence for ever. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.***

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O God, who sends us the Spirit of truth. Hear the prayers we offer this day and let your Holy Spirit kindle in us the welcome fire of your love, that we who are many may be one body, serving the world in your name, through Jesus Christ the Risen One, in the power of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*If there are no baptisms on this day, the Renewal of Baptismal Vows (BCP, p. 292) may take the place of the Nicene Creed at the Eucharist.*

*The following introduction may be used:*

***Dear People of God: on this Day of Pentecost, the Church calls us to celebrate the gifts of the Spirit, and as a sign of our baptism in the Spirit calls on us to renew our Baptismal Vows and reaffirm once again the promises which bind us to Christ and to each other . . . . .***