

CHAPTER 1 PRAYER SERVICE

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit equipped the apostles for the mission Jesus gave them: to spread the good news of salvation. Jesus has entrusted us to continue this mission today. Let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that we may receive the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit and experience the difference they can make in our lives.

Group 1: Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,
and in our souls take up Thy rest;
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Group 2: O comforter, to Thee we cry,
O heavenly gift of God Most High,
O fount of life and fire of love,
and sweet anointing from above.

Group 1: Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known;
Thou, finger of God's hand we own;
Thou, promise of the Father,
Thou Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

Group 2: Kindle our sense from above,
and make our hearts o'erflow with love;
with patience firm and virtue high
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Group 1: Far from us drive the foe we dread,
and grant us Thy peace instead;
so shall we not, with Thee for guide,
turn from the path of life aside.

Group 2: Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow
the Father and the Son to know;
and Thee, through endless times confessed,
of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Group 1: Now to the Father and the Son,
Who rose from death, be glory given,
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,
henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.

Leader: Now let us offer our prayers and petitions to the Lord.

Reader: For the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, that we may see all of creation as God sees it, we pray to the Lord...

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the gifts of courage and right judgment, that we may stand firm in our faith when faced with adversity, we pray to the Lord...

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the gifts of wonder and awe and reverence, that we may desire to love and know and serve the Lord all the days of our lives, we pray to the Lord...

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all of the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, we pray to the Lord . . .

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.