

This month we celebrate Pentecost, the coming of
the Holy Spirit and the birthday
of the Church.

OPENING VERSE

*'The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of
the Almighty gives me life'.*

Job 33:4

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit
transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit
lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal
and our strength, now and always. Amen

HYMN

Breathe on me breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love the way you love
And do what you would do.

Breathe on me breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with yours,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life
For all eternity.

Edwin Hatch 1886

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we thank you for leaving the Holy
Spirit here with us as our protection and
provision. Thank you that we can have that power
at work in our lives. Please help us to reflect You
in everything we do and say. In the power of your
Spirit help us to love as you first loved us. In your
name. Amen

BIBLE READING

*'When the day of Pentecost came, they were all
together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the
blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and
filled the whole house where they were
sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of
fire that separated and came to rest on each of
them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit
enabled them'. Acts 2:1-4*

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, 2000 years ago you inaugurated
your church by sending the Holy Spirit to live in
all believers. We rejoice that you have allowed
each of us to experience new life through the
power of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for the gift
of the Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide. May
we continue to celebrate your presence in our lives
until you return again. Amen

HYMN

Spirit of the Living God
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me
Fill me, use me
Spirit of the Living God
Fall afresh on me.

Daniel Iveson 1926

REFLECTION - JESUS' PROMISE

*'If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask
the Father, and he will give you another advocate
to help you, and be with you forever, the Spirit of
Truth. The world cannot accept him because it
neither sees him nor knows him. But you know
him, for he lives with you, and will be in you. I will
not leave you as orphans, I will come
to you'. John 14: 15-18*

At the Last Supper, when Jesus knew his ministry
on earth was coming to an end, he promised his
disciples that he would not leave them bereft, as
orphans, but that the Holy Spirit would come to be
their guide and comforter, to lead them into all
truth and to strengthen them so that they could
keep his commands. That same Holy Spirit, sent
so long ago, is still available for us today.

PRAYERS

Living God, thank you for the immeasurable greatness of your power in our lives. Because you came to dwell in us at Pentecost, we have your mighty strength with which You raised Christ from the dead. Strengthen us in our inner being, so that we can know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge and be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen

Lord God, through Christ you have given us peace that the world cannot give. Let your Spirit of Truth abide with us so that we may live in hope, grow in faith and keep your commandments of love; in the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Spirit who set the church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. Amen.



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