

JUNE 8, 2014
PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Holy Spirit has come
to live and work in us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.
We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit comes
Monday	Joel 2:18-29	God will pour out the Spirit
Tuesday	Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29	The Spirit is promised
Wednesday	Acts 4:5-21	Peter and John give witness
Thursday	Acts 4:23-31	The believers pray for boldness
Friday	Acts 8:14-25	Samaritans receive the Spirit
Saturday	Psalms 33:12-22	The Lord is our help and shield
Sunday	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	God creates sky and earth

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others.”
1 Corinthians 12:7 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Send your Spirit upon us, Lord. Give us new life, so that we may praise you forever. Amen. (Psalm 104:30,33)

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Spirit of God and be our guest, our table to grace and our food to bless. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus give you peace, fill you with joy, and breathe into you the Holy Spirit. Amen. (John 20:19-22)

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share an experience you have had with wind or fire.
- When God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first Christians on the day of Pentecost, a strong wind came from heaven and tongues of fire came to rest on them (Acts 2:1-21). How were the believers changed?
- In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit's power in your life?

DEVOTIONS

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 tells us that the Holy Spirit gives special gifts to all believers to use in serving God and others. For each member of your household, draw a large dove figure on a white card and cut it out. In your home devotion times this week, take a few minutes to talk about the gifts you see in each other. Write these gifts onto the doves. Display them on your bedroom doors. Say prayers of thanks to God for the gifts given to each member of your household. As an additional activity, decorate your home with “flames” cut from red, yellow and orange paper or with streamers.

SERVICE

1 Corinthians 12:7 tells us that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts to use as a special way of serving others. Have a discussion about how members of your household are using their God-given gifts for the sake of others. Brainstorm ways in which you could use them more effectively.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Plan an evening time when you can tell the Pentecost story (Acts 2:1-21) around a campfire, brazier, or in front of a fireplace. Talk about how heat, light and flames relate to the work of the Holy Spirit. Toast marshmallows to add to the experience!



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