

Pentecost

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Opening Prayer: Pentecost Sequence

*Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
From your bright and blissful Home
Rays of healing light impart.*

*Come, Father of the poor,
Source of gifts that will en-
dure*

Light of ev'ry human heart.

*You, of all consolers best,
Of the soul, most kindly
Guest,*

*Quick'ning courage do be-
stow.*

*In hard labor You are rest,
In the heat You refresh best,
And solace give in our woe.
O most blessed Light divine,
Let Your radiance in us shine,
And our inmost being fill.*



*Nothing good by man is thought,
Nothing right by him is wrought,
When he spurns Your gracious Will.*

Cleanse our souls from sinful stain,

*Lave our dryness with Your rain
Heal our wounds and mend our
way.*

*Bend the stubborn heart and
will,*

*Melt the frozen, warm the chill,
Guide the steps that go astray.*

On the faithful who in You,

Trust with childlike piety,

Deign your sevenfold gift to send.

Give them virtue's rich increase,

Saving grace to die in peace,

Give them joys that never end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Introductory Discussion:

- Has there ever been a time or place where you felt unwelcome? If so, where?

Proclamation of the Word: Acts 2:1-13

Catechetical Reflection:

- The fundamental act of a Christian is accepting Jesus as Lord. While we can only do that by the grace of God, accepting Jesus as Lord requires that we live our lives in accord with his teaching, loving God and neighbor.
- In Baptism and Confirmation, we receive the gift of the Spirit who conforms us to Christ, enabling us to live in faith and to proclaim the Gospel boldly by word and deed.
- You may wish to reflect on these words from Pope Benedict XVI: “we enter into the mystery of the first Pentecost: a radical transformation results from the tumult of Babel, from those voices yelling at each other: multiplicity becomes a multifaceted unity, understanding grows from the unifying power of the Truth” (Homily, June 12, 2011).

Witness Talk:

Those who work to welcome those who feel excluded may wish to reflect on the joys and challenges of their work and how the Spirit helps to gather all people into the love and unity of God.

Reflection/Discussion:

- Call and Mission describes the Pentecost as a theophany—a special manifestation of God. In what ways is God made manifest in our world today?
- To whom do I need to reach out?
- What sustains and strengthens my faith?

Discussion Wrap-up:

The session leader may invite those willing to share the fruits of their reflection and discussion.





Closing Prayer: Litany of the Way: Prayer for the Journey

*As Jesus sought the quiet of the desert,
teach us to pray.*

*As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples,
teach us to love.*

*As Jesus promised paradise to the thief on the cross,
teach us to hope.*

*As Jesus called Peter to walk to him across the water,
teach us to believe.*

*As the child Jesus sat among the elders in the temple,
teach us to seek answers.*

*As Jesus in the garden opened his mind and heart to God's will,
teach us to listen.*

*As Jesus reflected on the Law and the prophets,
teach us to learn.*

*As Jesus used parables to reveal the mysteries of the Kingdom,
teach us to teach.*

Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

