

**Pentecost prayer** – adapted from a prayer by David Allen, Australia  
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Spirit of God, come among us on this Pentecost day.

Make today a re-birth-day for your people.

Shower your gifts of the spirit upon us that we might have

passion in our faith,  
strength in our commitment,  
courage beyond our imagining,  
and love without reservation.

Send your holy wind among us,

not as a gentle breeze to lull us into relaxation, comfort and complacency  
– as people gathered together in some kind of benign social club.

Let it be a wind of fire,

to burn into our hearts a passion for your truth and a desire to share it.

Give us tongues of fire, not to babble incomprehensibly,

but to speak out plainly for justice and fairness and peace,

to speak of the grace, bewildering in its simplicity,

that sets hearts ... and minds ... and souls free, through Jesus.

Help us to be ourselves – all that we can be – for you.

Help us, as a faith community, to be all we can be,

to be an accepting, embracing fellowship, not an insular one

– and to reach out, not to lock out.

Take away all pride, all jealousy, all judgment, we pray.

Help us to say “Sorry” more often.

Forgive our moaning and complaining,

and open our eyes and our hearts to the real suffering around us.

Brand us not with ancient symbols and relics,

not with pious looks,

nor meaningless babble.

Like the Apostles of old, brand our very hearts

with the flame of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Brand us within with holy fire,

so that what is outward

– our words and our actions

– our joy and enthusiasm –

will make it abundantly obvious who we are, and for whom and what we stand.

Help us to infect others with contagious joy –

with the love ...

and the grace ...

and the promise of life abundant through Jesus.

God, let not even one person leave here today,

without feeling the warm stirring of your Spirit within,

without embracing the same determination and passion

that fired the Apostles at that first Christian Pentecost celebration,

without recommitting our lives to you.

Amen.

