

A Time of Prayer Together: 'GOD'S SPIRIT IS WITH US' (Pentecost and after)

Opening Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Greeting

Alleluia! The Lord reigns!
Let the earth rejoice! Alleluia!

Psalm 100 (or another psalm could be read)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.
God made us, and we belong to him;
we are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to the Lord, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations. Amen.

A Bible reading could be read here...

Silence and listening to God

We sit for a few moments in silence...

We bring our prayers to God

You might like to pray for...

God's church, as we minister to those in need and share the love and hope of Jesus Christ;

Those suffering through illness, loneliness, isolation, depression, anxiety or dementia;

Those who are bereaved or separated from loved ones;

The leaders of the world and our government;

Our NHS, emergency services, care homes, and all who work or volunteer to serve our communities;

Schools, parents and teachers facing difficult decisions, and for the protection of all our children;

The natural world, and all God's creation;

All who are now unemployed or in financial hardship because of the current crisis;

Refugees, asylum seekers, and those living in poverty, famine and war around the world.

Collects (or use alternatives over the page)

Ever-loving God,
your Son Jesus Christ healed the sick
and restored them to wholeness of life.
Look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your power make whole both people and nations;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Faithful God,
whose covenant love is new every morning:
open our eyes to your wisdom
and give us grace to keep faith with all your creation;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

A New Prayer

Holy Spirit of God,
help us to live by your grace,
to thirst for your justice,
to understand your word to us,
to share your forgiveness, hope and joy,
to recognise your hand in every good thing,
and to rejoice in your love. Amen.

Closing Prayer and Sending Words

God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
and may the gifts of your Spirit equip us
to serve and worship you
now and always. Amen.

We go into the world in the power of the Spirit
to fulfil our high calling as servants of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Suggested Bible Readings:

From the Lectionary: (These will be read by Christians of many churches around the world...)

Pentecost 31st May 2020

- John chapter 20: verses 19-23
- Acts chapter 2: verses 1-21
- Psalm 104: verses 24-35
- John chapter 7: 37-39

Trinity Sunday 7th June

- Matthew chapter 28: verses 16-20
- Psalm 8
- Genesis chapter 1 (all) – chapter 2, v.4
- 2 Corinthians 13: verses 11-13

Sunday 14th June (Methodist Homes Sunday)

- Matthew 9, v.35 – chapter 10, verse 8.
- Psalm 100
- Exodus chapter 19: verses 2-8
- Romans 5: verses 1-8

Sunday 21st June (Refugee Week)

- Matthew 10: verses 24-39
- Psalm 69
- Jeremiah 20: 7-13
- Romans 6: 1-11

Sunday 28th June (Methodist Conference Sun.)

- Matthew 10: 40-42
- Psalm 89: 1-18
- Jeremiah 28: 5-9
- Romans 6: 12-23

Sunday 5th July

- Matthew 11: 16-30
- Psalm 145
- Zechariah 9: 9-12
- Romans 7: 15-25

Sunday 12th July (Action for Children Sunday)

- Matthew 13: 1-23
- Psalm 65
- Isaiah 55: 10-13
- Romans 8: 1-11

Sunday 19th July

- Matthew 13: verses 24-30, and 36-43
- Psalm 86
- Isaiah 44: 6-8
- Romans 8: 12-25

Sunday 26th July 2020

- Matthew 13: verses 31-33, and 44-52
- Psalm 105: 1-11
- 1 Kings chapter 3: verses 1-16
- Romans 8: 26-39

Prayers and Collects (cherished prayers of the church) to use during this time
(from *the Methodist Worship Book*):

God, faithful and true,
you call every generation to make a pilgrim journey.

Guide our feet along the road of faith,
that we may put our whole trust in you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord of heaven and earth,
you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and power of your Church.
Sow in our hearts the seeds of your grace
that we may bear the fruit of the Spirit,
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your glory, O God, fills heaven and earth
and all creation resounds with your praise.
As we rejoice in your presence,
may we know your power to save
and praise you for your faithfulness,
now and for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Times when we might all like to pause
(wherever we are) to pray together:**

Sundays at 10.30am – 11.00am

Sundays at 5.00pm – 5.30pm

Fridays at 12noon – 12.30pm

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