

Pentecost

In quietness and trust,
I yield myself to this moment
To the Presence that gives me life,
To the reality that existed
before earth was made,
To the Spirit that came and
comes in fire
To turn around our lives
And make them new.

Burn within me, God!
Let me feel your fire!
Burn warm with love!
Burn bright with joy!
Burn hot to consume
All that makes me doubt
power in me,
Your love through me.

Burn away my barriers
to completeness
Burn away my limited
consciousness
inbred by habits of thought,
By opinions of others,
By seeming necessities that have
become my master.
Burn away my slavery to fear.
And teach me, within
The looseness of listening
The rhythm of trust.

Grace Alphonse Brame



Concluding Prayer

*Spirit of God, breathed into our
hearts in Jesus' resurrection
lift us up with new life, new
courage, new passion today.*

*Spirit of God, breathed into our
midst in Jesus' resurrection
transform us with new fellowship,
new vision, new joy today.*

*Spirit of God, breathed into the
world in Jesus' resurrection
work through us
to change the face of the earth.*

Amen

*—Donal Harrington and Julie Kavanaugh
Prayers for Parish Groups, p. 223*

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THE
SPIRIT
IS
ALIVE

"The foundations of a person are
not in matter, but in spirit".

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson



The Spirit Is Alive

Focusing

Each person lights a candle.

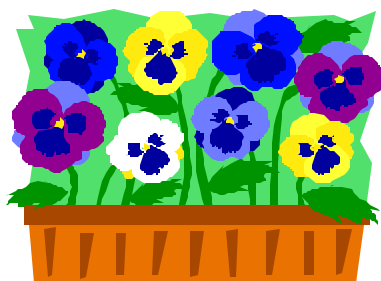


Scripture Reading: Romans 8:26-7

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Spirit of God, be with us during our trying times...

Intercessions



When we come face to face with the challenge of self-giving; when we are asked to go the extra mile, to take the risk of reaching out to one

another, to offer forgiveness to the heart that rejects us...

Response: Spirit of God, fill us with the energy of Your love.

When our world seems bleak; when we walk with sadness written on our soul; when we have days when everything goes wrong...

Response: Spirit of God, stir the energy of Your joy within us.

When someone needs a simple gesture of thoughtfulness; when a look of love is all that another asks of us; when a good word could take the sting out of the gossip of foes...

Response: Spirit of God, strengthen in us the energy of Your kindness.

As we face the shadow of our inner world, or peer into the darkness of our outer world; as we struggle to believe in our gifts and blessings...

Response: Spirit of God, strengthen in us the energy of Your goodness.

In those difficult times when fear threatens to drown our trust in You; during those trying times when we are tempted to doubt all the ways we have known You...



Response: Spirit of God, renew us in the energy of trusting in You.

When anxiety and concern take over our spirit; when restlessness or boredom holds sway over us; when our world cries out in distress and turmoil...

Response: Spirit of God, deepen in us the energy of Your peace.

On those days when we hurry too much; at those times when anger flares because our agendas aren't met; when we stop giving people understanding and acceptance...

Response: Spirit of God, draw us towards the energy of Your patience.

As we walk on the edges of life and death; as we struggle with the disciplines of spiritual growth; as we yearn to be faithful amidst the many changes of inner and outer growth...

Response: Spirit of God, move us with the energy of Your guidance.

—Joyce Rupp

May I have This Dance, p. 76-8