# **Keeping Vigil for Pentecost – Five Prayer Times**

These five prayer-times are based on the Extended Vigil of Pentecost. The beginning and conclusion are the same each time. In the middle there are five different reflection sections using the Vigil Readings. Each section and reflection choice is recorded separately so they may be combined at will, ideally taking just one of the middle sections per day.

If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray for you and give to you a comforter: the Spirit of Truth.

In the name of the Father...

I confess...

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Grant, we pray, almighty God, that the splendour of your glory may shine forth upon us and that, by the bright rays of the Holy Spirit, the light of your light may confirm the hearts of those born again by your grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

We have now begun our Pentecost Vigil, after the example of the Apostles and disciples who with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, persevered in prayer, awaiting the Spirit promised by the Lord; like them, let us, too, listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God. Let us meditate on how many great deeds God in times past did for his people and let us pray that the Holy Spirit, whom the Father sent as the first-fruits for those who believe, may bring to perfection his work in the world.

**First Reflection** Genesis 11:1-9 The Tower of Babel Psalm 32(33):10-15 *Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.* 

**Second Reflection** Exodus 19:3-8,16-20 Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God Canticle (Daniel 3:52-56) *To you glory and praise for evermore.* 

Third Reflection	Ezekiel 37:1-14 A vision of Israel's dying and rising	
Psalm 106(107)	O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his love has no end.	

Fourth Reflection	Joel 3:1-5	I will pour out my spirit on all mankind
Psalm 103(104)	Send forth your Spiri	t, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Fifth Reflection	Romans 8:22-27	The Spirit expresses our plea.
	John 7:37-39	If anyone is thirsty, let them come to me!

The apostles waited and prayed for the coming of the Spirit. Gathered together in their company, we pray for his coming, and joyfully proclaim the greatness of God.

## - Father, send us your Spirit.

In Christ you restored the universe which you made; through your Spirit renew the face of the earth.

## - Father, send us your Spirit.

You breathed into Adam the breath of life:

breathe your Spirit into the Church, that the world may find life in her.

## - Father, send us your Spirit.

May your Spirit bring light to our darkness; turn hatred into love, sorrow into joy, and doubt into hope.

#### - Father, send us your Spirit.

Cleanse and refresh us in the waters of the Spirit; where there is anguish and sin, bring healing and rebirth.

### - Father, send us your Spirit.

Through the Holy Spirit you bring people to life and glory: may the dead enter their home in heaven to enjoy your love forever.

## - Father, send us your Spirit.

#### Our Father, who art in heaven...

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Almighty, ever-living God, you ordained that the paschal mystery should be completed by the mystery of Pentecost. Gather together, by your gift of grace, the scattered nations and divided tongues to one faith in your Name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Holy Spirit, come to us, kindle in us the fire of your love. Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us