

# The Gifts of the Spirit

## Scripture and Prayers for the Season of Pentecost



for the week of May 31, 2020

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## A PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life:  
At the beginning of time  
you moved over the face of the waters;  
you breathe into every living being, the breath of life.  
Come, Creator Spirit,  
and renew the whole creation.

Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets:  
You enflame men and women with a passion for your truth,  
and through them call your people  
to the ways of justice and compassion.  
Come, Spirit of Righteousness, and burn in our hearts.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus:  
By your power Jesus came to bring  
good news to the poor  
and release to those held captive.  
Come, Liberating Spirit,  
and free us from the powers of sin and death.

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher:  
You speak to us of our Lord,  
and show us the depth of his love.  
Come, Spirit of Truth, abide in us  
and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit, wind and flame:  
You filled disciples with joy and courage,  
empowering them to preach your word  
and to share your good news.  
Come, Spirit of Power,  
make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace:  
You break down barriers of language, race, and culture,  
and heal the divisions that separate us.  
Come, Reconciling Spirit,  
unite us all in your love,  
and make us new creations in Jesus Christ.

From the Reformed Church in America

# A WEEK OF SCRIPTURE READING

## **Sunday - The Day of Pentecost** **May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 104:24-35  
The Pentecost story: Acts 2:1-12  
An Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 12:3b-13

## **Monday - June 1**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 57  
A Gospel Reading: Luke 17:1-10

## **Tuesday - June 2**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 54  
A Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

## **Wednesday - June 3**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 65  
A Gospel Reading: Luke 17:20-37

## **Thursday - June 4**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 143  
A Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

## **Friday - June 5**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 88  
A Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

## **Saturday - June 6**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 122  
A Gospel Reading: Luke 18:15-30

## **Sunday - Trinity Sunday** **June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 8  
Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
An Epistle Reading: II Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

*(If the mail is slow, we provide  
a start on the new week with the  
Pentecost Sunday reading.)*

# STRONGER Stronger Together

WE WILL PERSEVERE.

“We have entered the endurance phase of this pandemic. We are slowly mastering this disease, but we have not yet done so. And so we wait — and endure.

“Endurance is patience. It is shortening your time horizon so you just have to get through this day. Endurance is living with unpleasantness. In fact, it is finding you can adapt and turn the strangest circumstance into routine.

“Endurance is fortifying. It is discovering you can get socked in the nose and take it.”

David Brooks  
NY Times, 5/15/2020

When I read these comments from David Brooks, I found myself thinking of the J. B. Phillips’ translation of Paul’s good word in II Corinthians 4:7-9:

“This priceless treasure we hold, so to speak, in a common earthenware jar—to show that the splendid power of it belongs to God and not to us.

“We are handicapped on all sides, but we are never frustrated; we are puzzled, but never in despair. We are persecuted, but we never have to stand it alone: we may be knocked down but we are never knocked out!”

