

Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in May, 2018

Introduction

Leader Pentecost is an explosion of God's power, love and wisdom shared with us. Our response is - Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

All Loving Father, thank you for the gift of your Spirit, our Advocate and teacher. We recognize that we often do not recall your presence within us. Awaken us to live our lives in gratitude and to renew our commitment daily. We pray in Jesus' name through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Word of God John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John *(The reading is on the reverse side.
(Pause for silent reflection after the reading.)*

Optional Discuss these questions in two's or three's.

1. How has the gift of the Holy Spirit affected your life?
2. What could life be like without a belief that God lives within each of us?

Response (Taken from John 15:26-27; 16:12-15)

Side 1 "The Father will give you another Advocate to be with you always."

Side 2 Jesus is not gone from us. He remains with us through the Holy Spirit.

Side 1 "We [Jesus and the Father] will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

Side 2 We return thanks for each personal Pentecost experience in our lives.

Side 1 "The Advocate...will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

Side 2 May we often turn to God within us each day.

Petitions Individuals add your intentions here

Closing Prayer

All Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Warm and transform our hearts so that we can bring your peace and love to our families, friends, and all those we meet. We pray in the name of our risen Jesus. Amen

A Reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father,
he will testify to me.

And you also testify,

because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot hear it now.

But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,
he will guide you to all truth.

He will not speak on his own,

but he will speak what he hears,

and will declare to you the things that are coming.

He will glorify me,

because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

Everything that the Father has is mine;

for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine
and declare it to you.”