

A SELECTION OF PRAYERS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY



A prayer of praise and thanksgiving

Lord, as we worship today on Pentecost Sunday, give us a vision.
Move us by your Holy Spirit.
Bring good news to us all.
Bring freedom and peace to broken people,
And let us get a taste of Heaven here on Earth.
Open our eyes to see you as you are.
And open our hearts to praise you.

Give us a vision that will take us out of our comfort zones
And lead us into new ways of serving you.

Help us to be agents of your love to all people
In a world where there is much division and hate.

Helps us to be beacons of hope
In a world that is sinking deeper into despair.

Help us to be agents of your peace
In a world that is torn apart by conflict and wars.

In our worship today our God,
Give us a vision through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Interactive prayer

Leader: Today on Pentecost Sunday we are reminded that we are one worldwide family in Christ. We give thanks for people in every generation who have spent their lives sharing the good news of Jesus with others.

We remember especially those who were pioneers in missions, who willingly travelled to faraway places, sacrificed their comforts and faced numerous dangers and persecution to fulfil their calling.

All: Lord, we thank you that we are one family in Christ.

Leader: Let us thank God for those who spread the gospel in our own country, for past leaders of this church and many others who answered God's call to be the voice and hands of Jesus, and to disciple and teach God's Word to others.

All: Lord, we thank you that we are one family in Christ.

Leader: Let us praise God for the work and witness of the Church around the world today. For the national leaders, pastors, evangelists and missionaries who tirelessly witness for Christ to their own people, in their own languages and cultural contexts.

All: Lord, we thank you that we are one family in Christ.

Leader: Let us thank God for those who are stepping out to new mission frontiers today, who are taking the gospel to genuinely unreached people in remote parts of the world, crowded refugee camps and even in our local neighbourhoods.

All: Lord, we thank you that we are one family in Christ.

A prayer of confession

Leader: Lord sometimes you come to us,
but we do not recognise you;
You call us to serve, but we do not follow;
You command us to love strangers and share your
gospel with the nations, but we do not obey;
You bless us, but we do not thank you.

**All: Please forgive us and help us to change
our ways.**

Leader: Lord you accept us as we are,
but we do not accept others;
You forgive us, but we do not forgive
those who wrong us;
You love us, but we fail to love our neighbours.

Please forgive us and help us to change our ways.

Leader: Lord you showed us how to carry out your
mission;
But we still insist on doing things our way.
You identified yourself with the poor, the needy
and the outcasts;
But we tend to focus on ourselves and are
indifferent to them.
You suffered and died so that we could have
eternal life;
But we do not give up our comfortable lives
to share your good news with others.

**All: Please forgive us and help us to change
our ways. In Jesus' name we pray.**

Amen

Prayers of intercession

Loving God, we pray for unreached peoples, tribes
and nations, for those who live in countries closed
to the gospel or in places where there are no
Christians.

We pray that our church will be good news to them
by supporting mission workers who are ready and
willing to share the gospel of Jesus with them.

We pray for refugees and displaced people, for
those who are listening to Christian radio stations
secretly, and for those who are seeking you – may
they meet the living God wherever they are.

May you appear to them in dreams and visions, may
they find strength in listening to your Word, and
may they be touched by the testimonies of Reach
Beyond workers who are witnessing to them and
walking alongside them as your voice and hands.

We pray loving God, that this Pentecost your Holy
Spirit may find entrance to many minds that are
darkened by prejudice and closed by fear of others.

Bring clarity of vision and calmness of mind we
pray to all mission workers who serve the genuinely
unreached and help them to continue to do mission
in Christ's way.

Amen.

Closing prayer

Today on Pentecost Sunday we offer ourselves
to work with you Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
not just in our homes and in our local church,
but we promise to step out of our comfort zone,
to pray and to support your mission to the
unreached.

Enlarge our vision of the world we pray
and give us the strength, love and wisdom
to reach all nations, peoples and tribes
in your name and for your glory.

Amen

