



**23 MAY 2021  
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**INTRODUCTION:**

We celebrate the birthday of the Church commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and their followers and the beginning of their earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations. By God's spirit that dwells in us, we are made one with our risen Lord; and his peace remains with us because he himself is with us and within us always, as he promised.

**READINGS:**

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 104:1ab&24ac,29bc-30,31&34

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 or Gal 5:16-25

**SEQUENCE IS MANDATORY. IT MAY BE READ OR SUNG.**

**Gospel:** Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**CEL:** Filled with the Holy Spirit, the very breath of our risen and glorified Lord, let us pray to God for the needs of the whole human family. Our response is:

**RESPONSE:** Lord hear us

1. We pray for Pope Francis and all the leaders of the Church; that empowered by the Spirit they may bear joyful witness to the goodness of God... we pray to the Lord...
2. We pray for all who wield political authority in the world; that they will use that power to promote justice, peace and unity in the world, especially in these times of insecurity and fear... we pray to the Lord...
3. We pray for every baptized Christian; that we may develop more fully our response to all the gifts which the Spirit bestows for the service of the Body of Christ... we pray to the Lord...
4. We pray for a spirit-filled renewal of the face of the earth; where we may experience healing of body and spirit, where the vulnerable and the disturbed may be comforted, the hungry and thirsty may be satisfied and strangers welcomed with generosity... we pray to the Lord...
5. We pray for an end to violence and war in Gaza, Palestine and Israel; that the multi-religious and multi-cultural identity of the Holy City be respected and that peace and fraternity prevail... we pray to the Lord...

6. We bow our heads and remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers... *(pause for 7 seconds)* ... we pray to the Lord...

**CEL:** Heavenly Father, we rejoice in the gift of your Spirit which bears witness to your love and mercy. We thank you for listening to our prayers which we make through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF FROM THE CORONA VIRUS:**

Almighty and merciful God, who show Your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Corona Virus in various parts of the world.

We come before You asking for an efficacious control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We thank You for blessing the efforts of our research scientists working on the development of a vaccine. We pray that these vaccines will be effective in combating the virus and its mutants, and in controlling the spread of the pandemic. We pray that the vaccine be available for all our people even the poor and those in rural areas.

We pray for doctors, nurses and health workers who are in the frontline of this battle, that they be kept safe and have the strength and courage to continue their heroic efforts.

We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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