

Spring Forest Daily Liturgies Pentecost Week: June 8–14, 2025
Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, 25-27

Sunday – Preparation

Centering

Come, Holy Spirit—breathe into us.
(Pause – bell)

On the day of Pentecost, they were all together in one place.
Waiting. Listening. Preparing. And suddenly—wind, fire, presence.

Let us quiet ourselves now,
like a field before the storm,
like breath before speech,
like prayer before action.

We clear space for grace.
We prepare a dwelling for the Spirit.
(Pause – bell)

Opening Prayer of Thanksgiving

Wind of God, you arrive not with warning but with wonder.

Thank you for moments we do not control—
for the breath that finds us, for the fire that kindles purpose,
for the gathering that becomes holy.

Thank you for the church that was born not in structure, but in Spirit.
Thank you for the ordinary ones, who waited, trusted, and received.

Prepare us, O God—
not for what we expect, but for what you will do.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1–4

Reflection Prompt

Where in your life are you being asked to wait with trust? How might the Spirit be preparing you for a new word, a new fire, or a new beginning?

Prayer of Intercession

Spirit who gathers and gives, we pray for those waiting today—
for healing, for belonging, for direction.

We remember your promise to pour out your Spirit not just on the ready, but on all flesh.

We pray for churches preparing to welcome, for leaders waiting to speak, for friends unsure of
their next step.

May your breath stir what is still. May your fire light what is hidden.

And may your grace meet us where we wait.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

God of the Upper Room, you meet us when we prepare—
even in silence, even in uncertainty.

As we go into this week,
may we carry the stillness of this moment
and the boldness of your Spirit.

Let our preparation be rooted in trust.
Let our gathering become holy ground.

Come, Holy Spirit—ignite our beginning.

Amen.

Monday – Prayer

Centering

Come, Holy Spirit—teach us to pray.

(Pause – bell)

In every breath, there is an opening for presence.

In every longing, a space for God to dwell.

Let us come not with perfect words, but with open hearts—
for Christ is already near.

(Pause – bell)

Opening Prayer of Thanksgiving

Christ our Companion, you do not stand far off.

You say, “If you’ve seen me, you’ve seen the Father.”

We thank you for prayers spoken and unspoken—
for the trust that grows in silence, and the power that flows not from us, but from you.

You promised we would do greater things—
not alone, but in your name.

Thank you for that name: gentle, strong, saving.

In prayer, align our hearts with yours.
In prayer, shape our desire by your will.

Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading John 14:8–14

Reflection Prompt

Reflect on praying in the name of Jesus by being the prayer needed to speak through action into the world—present with God in creation, among the broken, and at the margins.

Prayer of Intercession

Jesus, our Intercessor,
we bring to you the things we cannot fix,
the people we love but cannot heal,
the ache we carry but cannot name.

We pray for those whose prayers feel unheard—
the silent, the doubting, the desperate.

We remember our spiritual leaders,
those discerning your call,
and those too tired to ask again.

By your Spirit, let our prayers become action.
Let our intercession become compassion.
Let our hope rest not in outcome, but in your abiding presence.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Christ, in whom we live and move and have our being,
you are already near—closer than our next breath.

As we go into this day,
may our life become a prayer.
May our words be steeped in grace,
our silence filled with trust,
our actions marked by love.

We ask in your holy name—knowing you hear.

Amen.

Tuesday – Work

Centering

Come, Holy Spirit—dwell in our labor.
(Pause – bell)

From every nation they gathered—
and in the work of witness, they heard their language spoken.

The Spirit did not erase difference.
It honored it, and used it to proclaim good news.

So may our work today be a living voice of God's wonders.

(Pause – bell)

Opening Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of many voices and endless creativity,
you speak not only through prophets,
but through the hands of gardeners and teachers,
cooks and caregivers, coders and carpenters.

Thank you for the holy task of work.
Thank you that you speak in every dialect—
not just of words, but of skill, kindness, and care.

We praise you for the Spirit's surprising speech—
for the way your voice echoes in spreadsheets and soil,
in traffic conversations and classroom stillness.

Bless the labor of this day,
and let it bear the sound of your love.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Acts 2:5–13

Reflection Prompt

Reflect on how our work speaks of God's wonders through the language of our presence, our care, and our courage—for the earth, its peoples, and its creatures.

Prayer of Intercession

Spirit of the Crowd and the Calling,
we pray for all who work today—
in noise or quiet, in stress or joy.

For those behind counters and behind the scenes,
for those building, typing, repairing, and guiding.

We lift those whose work feels thankless,
and those who long for meaningful labor.

Let our efforts echo your goodness.
Let our witness rise not in volume,
but in faithful presence.

And let every task, however small,
be an offering of love.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Jesus, worker of wood and miracles,
bless the work of our hands today.

May we speak peace in our pace,
dignity in our dealings,
and grace in our goals.

And when the day is done,
may we say with joy:
the Spirit has spoken here.

Amen.

Wednesday – Table

Centering

Come, Holy Spirit—feed and fill us.
(Pause – bell)

The earth is full of your creatures.
The table is full of your grace.

Every bite, a blessing.
Every breath, a gift.

We come hungry for more than food—
hungry for belonging, for beauty, for you.

(Pause – bell)

Opening Prayer of Thanksgiving

Spirit of the overflowing table,
you spread your feast in field and forest,
in laughter and silence, in community and solitude.

Thank you for the breath that gives life,
for the food that sustains us,
for the Spirit that fills all things.

You open your hand, and we are satisfied.
You send forth your Spirit, and the world is renewed.

May our tables mirror your generosity.
May our gathering reflect your welcome.
And may we never forget that every meal is holy.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Psalm 104:24–30

Reflection Prompt

Reflect on how our tables—literal or spiritual—can become a space where God's abundance nourishes and renews all who gather.

Prayer of Intercession

Spirit of Renewal,
we pray for those who hunger—
for food, for shelter, for justice, for love.

We pray for the exhausted,
for those whose tables are empty,
for those who eat alone.

Let your breath revive weary bodies.
Let your generosity spark ours.
And let every table be a sign
that we are fed by grace.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Christ who broke bread with friends and strangers,
bless the tables we gather at today.

Let our conversations be honest.
Let our hearts be open.
Let our nourishment be both physical and spiritual.

And may the Spirit who fills the world
also fill our cup—
to overflowing.

Amen.

Thursday – Neighbor

Centering

Come, Holy Spirit—make us present and loving.
(Pause – bell)

Jesus said, “I will not leave you orphaned.”
He gives us the Advocate—not just for comfort, but for connection.

The Spirit walks with us.
And in that same Spirit, we walk with others.

Let us become companions of peace and neighbors in grace.

(Pause – bell)

Opening Prayer of Thanksgiving

Christ our Teacher,
you showed us that love looks like action.
You promised your presence through the Spirit—not as a theory, but as an abiding reality.

Thank you for not leaving us alone.
Thank you for giving us the Advocate, who reminds us of all you said, and teaches us to live it out.

We praise you for peace—not as the world gives, but as you give: deep, steady, and surprising.

Let us be led by that peace into the lives of our neighbors today.

Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading John 14:15–17, 25–27

Reflection Prompt

Reflect on how the Spirit invites you to release fear and striving, to rest in your identity as God’s beloved child, and to become a companion in the Spirit—so that no one feels orphaned, especially the marginalized: widows, children, the isolated, the exiled, and the unjustly condemned.

Prayer of Intercession

Spirit of Peace and Presence,
we pray for those who feel forgotten—neighbors near and far,
those wounded by conflict, those afraid to trust again.

We pray for communities divided, for hearts hardened by fear,

for systems that fail the vulnerable.

Come, Advocate.

Teach us how to love, how to listen, how to walk alongside.

And let the peace of Christ move through our steps.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Holy Spirit, you dwell not only in sanctuaries but on sidewalks and in conversations.

As we go into this day, may we be good neighbors—quick to listen, slow to judge, ready to bless.

Let your peace be our pace.

Let your love be our guide.

Amen.

Friday – Rest

Centering

Come, Holy Spirit—let us rest in who we are.

(Pause – bell)

You are not what you produce.

You are not what you carry.

You are not your schedule or your striving.

You are God’s child—claimed, beloved, named.

Let us rest in that truth until it shapes our breath.

(Pause – bell)

Opening Prayer of Thanksgiving

Abba, Loving Parent,

thank you for the Spirit who bears witness—reminding us that we belong,
that we are not slaves to fear, that we are heirs of grace.

Thank you for rest that restores not just bodies, but identity.

In stillness, remind us who we are: your children. Your image-bearers. Your beloved ones.

In this pause, may we hear again the whisper: “You are mine.”

Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading Romans 8:14–17

Reflection Prompt

Reflect on God’s claim upon your life—that you are a beloved child, regardless of nation, color, or worldly status. You are an heir to God’s abundant gifts, and you can rest in the truth that no one can strip you of that holy goodness.

Prayer of Intercession

Spirit who names and claims us,

we pray for the weary—those who are tired of proving themselves,
those who feel unseen, those who’ve forgotten their worth.

We pray for children without safety,
for adults who still carry childhood wounds,
for anyone longing to be welcomed home.

Let your Spirit whisper to each soul:
“You are loved. You are known. You belong.”

And may that truth become rest.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Christ, our Brother and Savior,
in you we find our truest rest.

As we step into this day, may we carry less. May we breathe deeper.
May we remember whose we are.

Let our rest become trust, and let our trust become peace.

Amen.

Saturday – Celebration

Centering

Come, Holy Spirit—let joy rise up in us.

(Pause – bell)

The Spirit is not silent.

The Spirit sings, speaks, stirs.

Daughters and sons prophesy. Elders dream.

Young people see visions.

Let us rejoice in this holy wildness—this grace poured out on all flesh.

(Pause – bell)

Opening Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of dreams and declarations,

you did not limit your Spirit to the elite, the educated, the expected.

You poured it out—on the young and the old, on women and men, on the unlikely and the unknown.

We thank you for joy that surprises, for vision that comes in the night, for fire that dances on every willing heart.

We give you praise for the church born in wonder and carried still by your power.

Let our lives echo with celebration—for the promise is for us.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Acts 2:14–21

Reflection Prompt

Celebrate the Spirit's presence by naming where you've glimpsed holy fire, bold vision, or a dream worth sharing this week.

Prayer of Intercession

Spirit of prophecy and promise,

we pray for all who long to be heard—

for voices silenced by power, for dreams dismissed as foolish,

for visions that feel too big to name.

We pray for your church—to be bold in joy, creative in witness, and open to your surprises.

Come again, Holy Spirit. Fill every heart with holy fire.
Let praise rise in every tongue.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

God of the flaming wind and whisper,
we rejoice in the work of your Spirit. We celebrate the wideness of your grace.

As we end this week, send us out with song in our spirit,
with joy on our lips, with courage in our bones.

And let the world say, "What does this mean?"
And let our lives answer with love.

Amen.