

Family Prayers for the Season of Pentecost



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Family Prayers in the Morning

We pray together:

God says: I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Christ says: I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove, burning as fire, powerful as the wind.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

We share a Bible verse:

Sunday: To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. (John 1: 12-13)

Thanks be to God.

Monday: You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. (John 15: 15-17)

Thanks be to God.

Tuesday: Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

Thanks be to God.

Wednesday: If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. (Romans 8: 11)

Thanks be to God.

Thursday: For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ (Romans 8: 14-17)

Thanks be to God.

Friday: The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (Romans 8:26-27)

Thanks be to God.

Saturday: For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8: 38-39)

Thanks be to God.

We say what we believe:

We believe in a loving God,
whose Word sustains our lives
and the work of our hands in the world.

God is life.

We believe in God's Son amongst us,
sowing the seed of life's renewal.

He lived with the poor
to show the meaning of live.

Jesus Christ is Lord.

We believe in the Holy Spirit of Life,
making us one with God,
renewing our strength with Her own.

The Spirit is Love.

We say prayers for ourselves and others

Say your prayers together, silently or aloud.

We pray the way Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,**

on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

We pray for the coming day

Today, may we show love, may we be kind, may we share. Today, may we have fun, may we be silly, may we laugh. Today, may we give thanks, may we be friends, may we care. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Family Prayers in the Evening

We pray together:

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

We share a Bible verse:

Sunday: Jesus said "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27)

Thanks be to God.

Monday: Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. (1 John 3: 2-3)

Thanks be to God.

Tuesday: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God...since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. (1 John 4: 7, 11& 12)

Thanks be to God.

Wednesday: And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. (Galatians 4: 6-7)

Thanks be to God.

Thursday: For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit

that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. (1 Cor 2: 10b-12)

Thanks be to God.

Friday: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4: 4-17)

Thanks be to God.

Saturday: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

Thanks be to God.

We offer our day to God

Good and loving God, you have been with us all day long, since the time we woke up until now; help us to remember our day, so we can bring it to you.

***What happened today?** Review the events of the day as a family, moving through the parts of the day and offering prompts as necessary. “What happened when we woke up? . . . What happened in the morning? . . . What happened this afternoon? . . . When were we angry? . . . Sad? . . . Happy? . . . What was beautiful? . . . What was amazing? . . . When did we see God today? . . . How did we respond to God today? . . . When were we loving? . . . When weren’t we loving?”*

***Pray the day.** Invite your children to think about what Jesus is saying to them through the events of the day. Ask guiding questions such as, “What do you think Jesus says about our day?” Invite them to pray in response: “What do we want to tell Jesus about what happened today?” Encourage simple words of praise, thankfulness, repentance, forgiveness, and petitions for the grace to draw closer to God tomorrow. You might want to close this part of your prayer with one or both of the following:*

We say we are sorry

God, you know that we love you,
And we know what you ask us to do...

But for those times when we have been too busy,
When we have been hard-hearted,
When we have been lukewarm,

We say, we are sorry,
And we ask for your forgiving love.
Help us to walk as children of the light. **Amen.**

We say thank you

God, Creator, Sun maker, Moon maker, Star maker,
In love you made us. **Thank You God.**

God in Jesus, Storyteller, Healer, Teacher,
In joy you came for us. **Thank You God.**

God here among us, Comforter, Listener, Disturber,
In justice you call to us. **Thank You God.**

We pray as at Jesus taught us

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

We pray for God's presence through the night

Gracious God,
You have given us much today;
Grant us also a thankful spirit.
To your hands we commend ourselves
And those we love.
Be with us still and when we take our rest
Renew us for the service of your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We bless one another

The day is done. It's time for sleep.
We say goodbye to the day.
We say hello to the night.
We breathe in love and peace.
We breathe out anger and fear.
We breathe in love and peace.

Turn to each member of your family and say this blessing:

May you have rest and peace from the top of your head to the bottom of your feet.
May you sleep knowing I love you.
May you sleep knowing God loves you.
May you sleep knowing you are loved and lovable.
Love, rest and peace to you. **Amen.**



Sources: *The Book of Common Prayer*, *Prayers for Faithful Families* by Traci Smith, *Fire and Bread: Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday*, edited by Ruth Burgess, *Liturgy for the Whole Church* by Susan K Bock