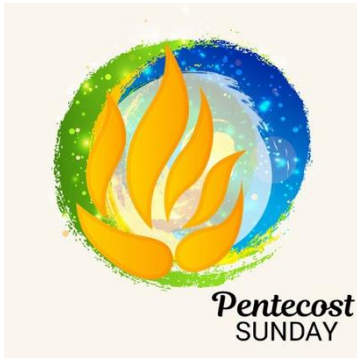


## Reflection and Prayers for Pentecost Sunday Year A



Pope Francis said it in *Laudato si'*: 'The Spirit of God has filled the universe with p possibilities and, therefore from the very heart of things something new can always emerge' (80).

More than ever, it is to the Spirit, 'infinite bond of love . . . intimately present at the heart of the universe' (238) that we must attend with all our might.

To pray as we do for the Holy Spirit to 'renew the face of the earth' is to pledge ourselves to whole-hearted ecological conversion.

Blessed with the gifts of the Spirit, we make the good news known in our words and works of mercy.

In this time where we are not gathering in the usual way to worship and pray the great prayer of the Mass, let's take Jesus' assurance into our hearts: he is an abiding presence with us in our community. Let us pray as one for the healing of the world.

We pray for the Earth, our common home that the Spirit of creation stirs in us a fierce love for the world placed in our care. (Pray in silence)

May the Holy Spirit inspire all who are called your disciples to fearlessly proclaim the truth. By virtue of our Baptism in the Holy Spirit we too are called Disciples. May we be inspired by the examples of your first disciples and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel. (Pray in silence)

We pray for all who have lost jobs and livelihoods. May their hardship be eased by appreciative community support. (Pray in silence)

We pray for all students and teachers may they manage they resume their work with wisdom, confidence and enthusiasm. (Pray in silence)

We pray for all who suffered severe loss in the summer bushfires but are yet to receive relief funds. May they hold fast to their hope for recovery. (Pray in silence)

We pray for the recently deceased, . . . , and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they be raised up in the power of the Holy Spirit. (Pray in silence)

God of all grace, you never cease to renew us in spirit. Free us from fear and self-concern and set us on the path of joyful love. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.