

Season of Easter : Pentecost B

General Intercessions

Priest

When God breathes the Holy Spirit, the face of the earth comes alive.
Full of confidence, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For Pope Francis, and all bishops, priests, deacons, and religious:
that the Holy Spirit will work through them to help us grow strong in faith.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds, please. Repeat after each intention.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. For our young parishioners:
especially those who are being confirmed in the Holy Spirit this weekend;
and those preparing for their First Holy Communion;
that they may always turn to the light of Christ,
and treasure God's love in their hearts.
3. For those living in the many war-torn regions of the world,
especially the Holy Land area, Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine:
that the Holy Spirit will speak to the hearts of those perpetrating the violence,
and show them there can be a way to peace.
4. For those taking exams, or seeking employment:
that they may place their trust in the Lord.
5. For the sick and infirm, in mind and body:
that they will feel God's love and support very close to them,
especially through those who care for them.
6. For all who have died,
especially in our own families, and who are close to our hearts.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

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Lord God,
through the mystery of this holy feast
you sanctify your Church in every nation and people.
Pour out the gifts of your Spirit
across the face of the earth,
and in your merciful kindness
touch the hearts of all believers
as you touched those who first heard
the preaching of the gospel.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.