



# Pentecost Season of Prayer & Fasting

**“COME  
HOLY SPIRIT”**

**Prayer Guide**

**Prayer and Fasting Days: 9th -19th May 2024**

**Corporate Prayer Day: 16th May 2024**

**Pentecost Sunday: 19th May 2024**

## Greetings from the Prayer Coordination Group

For this season of Prayer, the following resources were used:

- The New International Version of the Bible (2022)
- Christianity. com
- Notes from John Piper
- Matthew Henry Commentary of the Bible

There will also be specific prayers for African Enterprise.

We encourage you to motivate your church to join in the prayer for the world on Pentecost Sunday (19th May 2024)

### Fasting

This can be a full fast, a partial fast or a fast from an activity to give you more time to pray. Your choice is between you and God alone.

### Prayer

We encourage each office, Board, intercessory group, spouse, and volunteer of African Enterprise to determine your way of spending this time with God. We encourage you to involve the prayer groups around you, both within and outside of AE.

### Feedback

Please let us know if you have any God-given messages for the organisation. All comments can be sent to [prayer@aeint.org](mailto:prayer@aeint.org).

Thank you for your faithful prayers!

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Dear Family of AE and Friends

Welcome to our Second AE Prayer Season 2024.  
Pentecost remains a special day in the church calendar.  
The day the church was born.



In this season, I am reminded of how Jesus, having gone across to Mount Olives, then back to the Temple, where he sat down and taught the people, addressed them saying: I am the world's Light. No one who follows me stumbles around in the darkness. I provide plenty of light to live in (John 8:12, MSG). But like the disciples, we need the Holy Spirit to enlighten us continually so that we can walk and manifest that light!

As Jesus' disciples and Ambassadors of His Heavenly Kingdom, we too, are on a two-fold mission – to be light-bearers; being daily transformed for all to see and to glorify God and secondly, to be light-carriers, taking his light to all who are in darkness in our generation. As we look forward to this Pentecost Prayer season, let us do so with offerings of thanksgiving to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the Holy Spirit through whom we are made into effective witnesses.

My heart's desire for our ministry is for everything we undertake, to stem from the Holy Spirit's leading and guidance. Paul makes it clear that his preaching was not based on human wisdom but in the power of the Holy Spirit:

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.<sup>[a]</sup> 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,<sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. 1Cor 2.1-5.

Lastly, I take this opportunity to encourage us to come ready to share what the Lord has been doing among us since our last Prayer season. Let us come ready to encourage each other on what victories the Lord has granted us. This includes what battles we are facing so that we can move beyond this season praying for each other.

Let us also invite friends from our churches, small groups and partners at large to join us in this May 16th 2024, Corporate Day of Prayer. Pray for this day as we join in Prayer Celebrating this precious gift we have in the Person of the Holy Spirit.

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.” Acts 2:1

Stephen





Day 1: 9th May 2024

## **Introduction to Pentecost: Read Acts 2:1-13**

The passage from Acts 2:1-13 recounts the remarkable event of Pentecost, a significant moment in the history of the early Church. It begins with the disciples gathered together in Jerusalem, obediently waiting for the promise of the Holy Spirit, as Jesus had instructed them. Suddenly, the room is filled with the sound of a mighty wind, and what appeared to be tongues of fire rested upon each of them. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus.

The imagery of wind and fire is significant. Wind often symbolizes the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, while fire represents purification, empowerment, and the divine presence. The Holy Spirit came upon the disciples not only to empower them but also to purify and equip them for the task ahead.

As a result of this outpouring, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, or tongues, as the Spirit enabled them. This miraculous manifestation drew the attention of devout Jews from various regions who were in Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost. They were astonished to hear the disciples speaking in their native languages, declaring the wonders of God. This was a clear sign that the Holy Spirit was at work, breaking down barriers of language and culture to proclaim the message of the gospel to people from every nation.

However, not everyone responded with faith and wonder. Some mocked the disciples, attributing their behavior to drunkenness rather than the work of the Spirit. This serves as a reminder that the work of God may be misunderstood or rejected by some, but it remains powerful and transformative nonetheless.

This passage challenges us to consider the work of the Holy Spirit in our own lives and communities. Are we open to the empowering presence of the Spirit, willing to be purified and equipped for God's purposes? Are we attentive to the ways in which the Spirit is breaking down barriers and drawing people to God, regardless of their background or language? May we be like the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit and boldly proclaiming the wonders of God to the world around us.





## Prayer

- Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who empowers and equips us for your service.
- Help us to be open to the work of the Spirit in our lives, purifying us and enabling us to proclaim your truth with boldness and clarity.
- May we be instruments of your love and grace, reaching out to people from every nation with the message of salvation.

## Reflection

- Reflect on the significance of Pentecost as the birth of the Christian Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit.
- Meditate on the ways the Holy Spirit empowers and guides believers today.

## Prayers for African Enterprise International

- Prayer for Dr Stephen Mbogo as he gives leadership to the Partnership
- Pray for God’s protection over him and his family as he engages in Ministry Tours
- Pray that the Lord would lead and guide AE in the 5year Strategic planning for the Ministry
- Pray for the National Teams to find supporters within their own countries
- Pray that AE would be a catalyst for Prayer Movements in Africa
- Pray that the whole of AE to be spiritually prepared for the Holy Spirit’s work in all aspects of Ministry





Day 2: 10th May 2024

## **The Promise of the Spirit: Read John 14:15-31**

In John 14:15-31, Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples as he prepares to depart from them. He begins by emphasizing the inseparable connection between love for him and obedience to his commands. Jesus assures his followers that if they love him and keep his commands, he will ask the Father to send them another Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will be with them forever.

The Holy Spirit is described as the Spirit of truth, who will guide the disciples into all truth and empower them to live according to God's will. Unlike the world, which cannot accept or understand the Spirit, the disciples are assured of his presence and companionship. Jesus promises that the Spirit will teach them all things and remind them of everything he has said, ensuring that they remain faithful to his teachings even in his physical absence.

Furthermore, Jesus reassures his disciples that they will not be left alone or orphaned. Through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, they will experience a profound intimacy with both the Father and the Son. Jesus promises to come to them, and they will see him because he lives, and they will live also. This intimate union between Jesus, the Father, and the disciples is made possible through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus concludes by imparting his peace to his disciples, a peace that surpasses understanding and transcends the turmoil of the world. This peace is a fruit of their relationship with him and the presence of the Holy Spirit within them. Jesus encourages them not to be troubled or afraid, for he has overcome the world.

In this passage, we are reminded of the profound love of God expressed through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit serves as our advocate, teacher, and source of peace, enabling us to love and obey God faithfully. As we abide in Christ and yield to the leading of the Spirit, we experience the joy and assurance of being in intimate communion with the triune God.





## Prayer

- Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who dwells within us and empowers us to live according to your will.
- Help us to love you deeply and obey your commands, knowing that through the Spirit, we are united with you in intimate fellowship.
- Grant us the peace that surpasses understanding and the courage to trust in your promises, even in the midst of uncertainty and trial.

## Reflection

- Explore Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit to his disciples.
- Reflect on how the Holy Spirit is our Advocate, Comforter, and Guide.

## Prayers for African Enterprise Kenya

- Pray for the Kisumu Mission in Kenya from the 27th June to the 7th July 2024
- Pray that God would raise up volunteers and intercessors to support the Mission
- Pray for Captain Soti - Missions Manager in Kenya for God's favor and guidance as he engages with the Pastors and Leaders from the different churches.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would prepare the Hearts of the people to receive the Gospel





Day 3: 11th May 2024

## **The Fruits of the Spirit: Read Galatians 5:22-26**

In Galatians 5:22-26, the apostle Paul describes the fruit of the Spirit, which is the natural outgrowth of a life surrendered to God and led by the Holy Spirit. Just as a healthy tree bears good fruit, so too does a life rooted in Christ produce the fruit of the Spirit.

Paul lists nine qualities that characterize the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance (or patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These virtues are not merely moral attributes that we strive to attain through our own efforts; rather, they are the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit within us. As we yield to the Spirit and allow him to transform us from within, these qualities become increasingly evident in our thoughts, words, and actions.

Love is the preeminent fruit of the Spirit, encompassing selfless devotion to God and others. Joy and peace flow from a deep sense of contentment and trust in God's sovereignty, even in the midst of trials and challenges. Forbearance, or patience, reflects a gracious and long-suffering attitude toward others, while kindness and goodness manifest in acts of compassion and generosity. Faithfulness entails steadfast commitment to God and his purposes, while gentleness is characterized by humility and meekness. Finally, self-control empowers us to govern our desires and impulses in alignment with God's will.

Paul emphasizes that against such qualities, there is no law, indicating that the fruit of the Spirit transcends legalistic rules and regulations. Instead, it springs forth naturally from a heart surrendered to God and guided by his Spirit. Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its sinful passions and desires, allowing the Spirit to reign supreme in their lives.

Living by the Spirit involves an ongoing process of keeping in step with the Spirit, aligning our thoughts, attitudes, and actions with his promptings and leading. This requires humility, sensitivity, and obedience to God's Word. Paul warns against becoming conceited, provoking, or envying one another, recognizing that such attitudes are contrary to the fruit of the Spirit and can hinder the unity and growth of the body of Christ.

God cultivates these qualities within us. May we continually surrender to the Holy Spirit, allowing him to produce abundant fruit in our lives for the glory of God and the benefit of others.







## Prayer

- Heavenly Father, we thank you for the precious gift of your Holy Spirit, who produces within us the fruit of love, joy, peace, and so much more.
- Help us to yield to the Spirit's leading, that we may bear abundant fruit for your kingdom.
- Grant us the humility and obedience to keep in step with the Spirit, that our lives may be a reflection of your grace and goodness.
- May the fruit of the Spirit shine brightly in us, drawing others to you and bringing glory to your name.

## Reflection

- Meditate on the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Reflect on how these fruits manifest in your own life and how you can cultivate them further.

## Prayers for African Enterprise South Africa

- Give praise to God for the Mission in Mpumalanga where many came to faith
- Pray that they would be discipled and integrated into the local churches
- Pray for the Mission in Joburg from the 5th – 15th September 2024
- Pray that God would provide all the financial resources needed for the Mission





Day 4: 12th May 2024

## **Empowerment for Witness: Read Acts 1:4-8**

In Acts 1:4-8, we witness a pivotal moment in the life of the early Church as Jesus prepares to ascend to heaven and commissions his disciples for the task ahead. Just before his departure, Jesus instructs them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for the gift promised by the Father—the baptism with the Holy Spirit. This gift, Jesus explains, will empower them for the mission he is about to entrust to them.

The disciples, still expecting Jesus to establish an earthly kingdom, inquire about the timing of this event. However, Jesus redirects their focus away from speculations about earthly kingdoms to the imminent outpouring of the Holy Spirit and their mission as witnesses.

Jesus makes it clear that the disciples' primary task is not to speculate about future events but to be empowered by the Holy Spirit for the proclamation of the gospel. He promises them that when the Holy Spirit comes upon them, they will receive power—a divine enablement that transcends human ability. This power is not for personal gain or prestige but for the purpose of bearing witness to Jesus Christ.

The scope of their witness is vast, extending from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria, and ultimately to the ends of the earth. This commission embodies the universal nature of the gospel and the inclusive invitation of God's kingdom to people of every nation, tribe, and tongue.

As believers today, we also share in the same commission given to the early disciples. Like them, we are called to wait upon the Holy Spirit, relying on his power and guidance for effective witness and ministry. The Holy Spirit equips us with the boldness, wisdom, and spiritual gifts necessary to fulfill our role as ambassadors of Christ in a world desperate for hope and salvation.

May we heed Jesus' command to wait upon the Holy Spirit, recognizing our dependence on his empowering presence. May we be faithful witnesses, proclaiming the gospel boldly in our spheres of influence and to the ends of the earth, until the day when Christ returns in glory.





## Prayer

- Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who empowers us for the work of ministry and witness.
- Help us to wait upon the Spirit with eager expectation, trusting in his power and guidance for effective service.
- Grant us boldness and wisdom as we proclaim the gospel in our communities and beyond, that many may come to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ.
- May our lives be a testament to your love and faithfulness, bringing glory to your name.

## Reflection

- Reflect on Jesus' instruction to his disciples to wait for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.
- Consider how the Holy Spirit empowers believers to be witnesses for Christ in their communities and beyond.

## Prayers for African Enterprise Malawi

- Give thanks to the appointment for Dr Cornelius Huwa as the new International Missions Manager
- Pray for the Lord's leading and guidance as he gives leadership to the Mission Teams
- Pray for the Mzuza Mission in Malawi from the 6th to the 13th October 2024
- Pray that the Lord would fund all the resources required for the Mission





Day 5: 13th May 2024

## Unity in Diversity: Read 1 Corinthians 12:4 -13

In 1 Corinthians 12:4-13, the apostle Paul provides insight into the diverse gifts and workings of the Holy Spirit within the body of Christ. He emphasizes that while there are various gifts, services, and workings, they all originate from the same Spirit, the same Lord, and the same God. This underscores the unity of the Trinity and the harmonious cooperation of the three persons of the Godhead in the distribution and operation of spiritual gifts.

Paul describes a range of spiritual gifts bestowed by the Spirit for the common good of the body of Christ. These gifts include wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous powers, prophecy, discernment, tongues, and interpretation of tongues. Each gift is uniquely bestowed according to the Spirit's sovereign will and for the edification and benefit of the entire body.

The diversity of spiritual gifts mirrors the diversity found within the human body. Just as a human body is composed of many parts, each with its own function and significance, so too is the body of Christ. Despite their diversity, all the parts of the body are interconnected and essential for its proper functioning. Likewise, every member of the body of Christ has a unique role to play, and each gift is indispensable for the overall health and growth of the body.

Furthermore, Paul emphasizes the unity of believers in Christ, regardless of their backgrounds or social statuses. Through baptism in the Spirit, believers are united into one body—the body of Christ. This unity transcends ethnic, cultural, and social distinctions, as all believers share in the same Spirit and are nourished by the same Spirit.

As we reflect on this passage, let us recognize and embrace the diversity of spiritual gifts within the body of Christ. Let us humbly use our gifts for the common good, seeking to build up and encourage one another in love. May we celebrate the unity that we share as members of the body of Christ, and may our diverse gifts and talents be used to glorify God and advance his kingdom on earth.





## Prayer

- Heavenly Father, we thank you for the diverse gifts and workings of your Spirit within the body of Christ.
- Help us to recognize and embrace the unique contributions of each member, valuing and honoring one another as part of the same body.
- Grant us humility and wisdom as we use our gifts for the common good, seeking to edify and encourage one another in love.
- May the unity we share as members of your body be a testimony to your grace and power, bringing glory to your name.

## Reflection

- Reflect on the diversity of spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit.
- Meditate on the importance of unity in the body of Christ despite differences in gifting and background.

## Prayers for African Enterprise Zimbabwe

- Pray for the Harare Mission in Zimbabwe from the 20th to the 29th September 2024
- Pray against the cholera outbreak in Zimbabwe. Pray for healing and God's protection
- Praise God for the CTG's programme in Zimbabwe
- Pray that many would find Christ through this programme.





Day 6: 14th May 2024

## The Spirit of Adoption: Read Romans 8:12-17

In Romans 8:12-17, Paul outlines a profound truth: as believers, we are not slaves to our sinful nature but are instead adopted as beloved children of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit to live a new life in Christ.

Paul begins by highlighting our obligation as believers. It's not to fulfill the desires of our flesh, which leads to spiritual death, but rather to live according to the Spirit. Through the Spirit, we have the power to overcome the sinful tendencies of our flesh and experience true, abundant life in Christ.

Central to this transformation is our identity as children of God. Through the work of the Spirit, we are adopted into God's family. This adoption is not based on our merit or performance but is a gracious act of God's love. As adopted children, we have the privilege of calling God "Abba, Father," expressing the intimacy and closeness of our relationship with Him.

Moreover, the Spirit testifies within us, confirming our identity as God's children. This inner witness brings assurance and confidence, reminding us of our standing and security in Christ.

As children of God, we are also heirs—co-heirs with Christ. This means that we inherit the blessings and promises of God's kingdom. However, Paul reminds us that sharing in Christ's glory also involves sharing in His sufferings. Just as Christ suffered for the sake of righteousness, we too may experience hardship and persecution. But through it all, we are assured of our future glory with Him.

This passage invites us to reflect on our identity as children of God and the profound implications of this reality. It challenges us to live in the freedom and power of the Holy Spirit, forsaking the ways of the flesh and embracing our true identity in Christ. As we walk in obedience to the Spirit, may we live as heirs of God's kingdom, bearing witness to His love and grace in a world in need of redemption.





## Prayer

- Heavenly Father thank you for adopting us as your beloved children through the work of Your Spirit.
- Help us to live in the freedom and power of our identity as Your heirs, forsaking the ways of the flesh and walking in obedience to Your Spirit.
- May we find assurance and confidence in Your love, knowing that nothing can separate us from Your embrace.

## Reflection

- Reflect on how the Holy Spirit assures believers of their adoption as children of God.
- Meditate on the freedom and security that comes from being heirs with Christ

## Prayers for African Enterprise Tanzania

- Pray for comfort and healing for the family of the late Rev Emmanuel Mbaaga
- Pray for the Lord’s leading and guidance for a new Team Leader
- Pray for the Dodoma Mission in Tanzania from the 14th to the 21st July 2024
- Pray for the interim Team Leader Rev Emmanuel Kopwe as he gives leadership to the Team in Tanzania





Day 7: 15th May 2024

## **Transformation by the Spirit: Read Romans 12:1-2**

Romans 12:1-2 serves as a powerful call to a life of wholehearted devotion and transformation in response to God's mercy and grace. Paul begins by urging believers to present their bodies as living sacrifices to God. This imagery of sacrifice would have resonated deeply with the Jewish and Gentile believers in Rome, who were familiar with the concept of offering sacrifices to God. However, Paul expands this understanding to encompass the entirety of one's life—body, mind, and spirit—as an offering to God.

But what does it mean to offer ourselves as living sacrifices? It means surrendering our desires, ambitions, and will to God's will. It involves dedicating our entire being—our thoughts, words, and actions—to His service and glory. Just as an animal sacrifice was considered holy and pleasing to God in the Old Testament, our lives, when surrendered to God, become holy and pleasing sacrifices to Him. This, Paul declares, is our true and proper worship—not merely external rituals, but a life lived in intimate communion with God.

Paul then exhorts believers not to conform to the pattern of this world. The world's values, priorities, and ways of thinking are often in direct opposition to God's will. Instead of being shaped by the world's standards, believers are called to be transformed by the renewing of their minds. This transformation occurs as we immerse ourselves in God's Word, allowing His truth to penetrate our hearts and minds, and as we yield to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit within us.

The renewal of our minds enables us to discern and align ourselves with God's good, pleasing, and perfect will. It empowers us to live in accordance with His purposes and to walk in obedience to His commands. Through transformed minds, we gain insight into the depth of God's love and the beauty of His plan for our lives.

As we meditate on this passage, let us examine our hearts and consider how we are living in response to God's mercy. Are we offering ourselves as living sacrifices, wholly devoted to God? Are we allowing our minds to be transformed by His Word and Spirit? May we surrender afresh to God today, offering Him our lives as holy and pleasing sacrifices, and may He continue to renew and transform us for His glory.







## Prayer

- Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your abundant mercy and grace towards us.
- Help us to respond wholeheartedly to Your love by offering ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to You.
- Renew our minds by Your Spirit, that we may discern Your will and walk in obedience to You.
- May our lives be a fragrant offering of worship to You, bringing glory to Your name.

## Reflection

- Reflect on the transformative work of the Holy Spirit in renewing our minds.
- Meditate on how surrendering to the Spirit leads to a life of holiness and conformity to the image of Christ.

## Prayers for African Enterprise Ghana

- Pray for the Tema Mission in Ghana from the 25th of October to the 3rd of November 2024
- Praise God for the bakery training in Ghana
- Pray for Joana Amegashi as she gives leadership to the CTG projects
- Pray for more volunteers to join the Team





Day 8: 16th May 2024

## Prayer in the Spirit: Read Ephesians 6:18

In Ephesians 6:18, Paul concludes his discourse on spiritual warfare by emphasizing the crucial role of prayer in the life of a believer. He urges believers to pray in the Spirit at all times, with all kinds of prayers and requests. This verse underscores the significance of prayer as a powerful weapon in the ongoing spiritual battle that believers face.

Prayer is not merely a ritual or religious duty; it is a means of spiritual communication and communion with God. When we pray in the Spirit, we align ourselves with the promptings and leading of the Holy Spirit, who intercedes on our behalf according to the will of God (Romans 8:26-27). It is through the Spirit that our prayers are infused with power and effectiveness.

Paul encourages believers to pray "on all occasions," indicating that prayer is not limited to specific times or circumstances but should permeate every aspect of our lives. Whether in times of joy or sorrow, triumph or trial, we are called to maintain a posture of prayerfulness, acknowledging our dependence on God and seeking His guidance, strength, and provision.

Furthermore, Paul exhorts believers to pray "for all the Lord's people," emphasizing the importance of intercession and solidarity within the body of Christ. As members of the same spiritual family, we have a responsibility to lift one another up in prayer, bearing one another's burdens, and standing together in times of need.

In the context of spiritual warfare, prayer serves as a primary means of resistance against the schemes of the enemy. Through prayer, we can access the divine resources and authority that God has made available to us as His children. It is through prayer that we can demolish strongholds, overcome temptation, and experience victory over the forces of darkness (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

As we reflect on Ephesians 6:18, let us be encouraged to cultivate a vibrant and consistent prayer life. Let us pray in the Spirit, with all kinds of prayers and requests, trusting in God's faithfulness and sovereignty. May prayer not be a last resort in times of trouble but a continual practice of seeking God's presence and power in every aspect of our lives.





## Prayer

- Heavenly Father, we thank You for the privilege of prayer and the assurance that You hear and answer our prayers according to Your will.
- Help us to pray in the Spirit at all times, drawing near to You with sincerity and fervency.
- Teach us to intercede for one another, that we may bear each other's burdens and experience the unity of the Spirit.
- Grant us wisdom and discernment in spiritual warfare, that we may stand firm against the enemy's attacks and experience victory through the power of prayer.

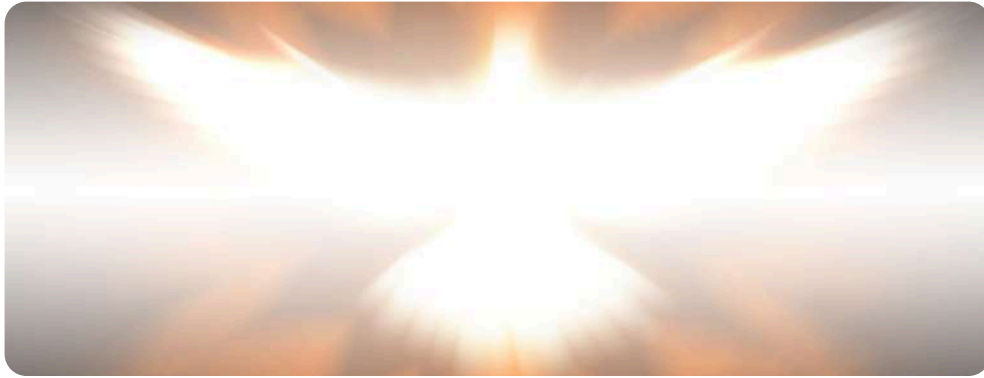
## Reflection

- Reflect on the role of the Holy Spirit in guiding our prayers.
- Meditate on the power and importance of praying in the Spirit.

## Prayers for African Enterprise DRC & Zambia

- Pray for the Kinshasa West Mission from the 14th to the 21st September 2024
- Pray that God would provide the resources and that more volunteers to join the Team
- Pray for the church to take up their responsibility of sharing the Good News to the people in Kinshasa
- Pray for the Kabwe Mission in Zambia from the 3rd to the 10th November 2024
- Pray for Dr Lutangu Lubasi AESAR Team Leader as he gives leadership to the Team in Zambia





Day 9: 17th May 2024

## Receiving Power: Read Acts 2:38-39

Acts 2:38-39 captures a pivotal moment in the early Church, following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost. In response to the crowd's question about what they should do, Peter delivers a powerful message of repentance, baptism, and the promise of the Holy Spirit.

First, Peter calls the people to repentance and baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. Repentance involves a sincere turning away from sin and a wholehearted turning toward God. Baptism, then, symbolizes this inward transformation and outward confession of faith in Jesus Christ. Through baptism, believers publicly identify with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, and they receive the forgiveness of sins and the gift of new life in Him.

Moreover, Peter proclaims the promise of the Holy Spirit. Believers who repent and are baptized are not only forgiven but also receive the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's empowering presence in the lives of believers, enabling them to live in accordance with God's will, to grow in holiness, and to bear fruit for His kingdom.

Importantly, Peter emphasizes that this promise is not limited to those present on that day but extends to future generations and to all who are far off—both geographically and spiritually. This inclusivity underscores the universal scope of God's grace and the invitation to salvation offered to all people, regardless of age, ethnicity, or social status. It is a promise that transcends barriers and reaches out to the ends of the earth.

As we reflect on Acts 2:38-39, let us respond with gratitude for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit made available to us through faith in Jesus Christ. Let us embrace the call to repentance and baptism, affirming our commitment to follow Christ wholeheartedly. And let us share the good news of salvation and the promise of the Holy Spirit with others, inviting them to experience the abundant life found in Jesus Christ.





## Prayer

- Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of salvation and the promise of the Holy Spirit.
- Help us to respond with repentance and faith, surrendering our lives to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.
- Fill us afresh with Your Holy Spirit, empowering us to live lives that bring glory to Your name.
- May we share Your love and grace with others, inviting them to experience the forgiveness of sins and the abundant life found in You.

## Reflection

- Reflect on the invitation to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Meditate on how the Holy Spirit empowers believers to live victoriously and to fulfill their God-given purposes.

## Prayers for African Enterprise Ethiopia & Uganda

- Pray for the comfort and healing for the family of the late Rev Mel Mesfin ex Team Leader Ethiopia
- Pray for the Lord's leading and guidance for the appointment for a new Team Leader
- Pray for the Soroti Mission in Uganda from the 21st to the 29th September 2024
- Pray for the Church in Uganda to be an example of real spiritual and physical healing





Day 10: 18th May 2024

## **Commissioned for Mission: Read Mathew 28:18-20**

Matthew 28:18-20, often referred to as the Great Commission, is the final charge that Jesus gives to His disciples before ascending into heaven. In these verses, Jesus asserts His authority over all creation and issues a command that has echoed throughout the centuries to every believer: to go and make disciples of all nations.

The authority Jesus claims is not limited to a particular region or group of people but encompasses heaven and earth. As the risen Lord and Savior, Jesus possesses supreme authority over all things, and He entrusts His followers with the task of proclaiming His lordship to the ends of the earth.

The command to make disciples involves more than mere evangelism. It encompasses the entire process of leading individuals to faith in Christ, nurturing their spiritual growth, and equipping them to become mature followers of Jesus. This includes sharing the gospel message, baptizing believers as a public declaration of their faith, and teaching them to obey all that Jesus commanded.

Central to the Great Commission is the call to go beyond cultural, ethnic, and geographical boundaries to reach people from every nation, tribe, and tongue. Jesus' vision is for a diverse and inclusive community of believers, united by their common faith in Him and their commitment to His lordship.

Furthermore, Jesus reassures His disciples of His continual presence and support as they carry out His commission. He promises to be with them always, to the very end of the age. This assurance of His presence provides comfort and courage to believers as they step out in faith to fulfill His mission.

As followers of Christ, the Great Commission is not merely a suggestion but a command that demands our obedience and commitment. It is a call to sacrificial service and radical obedience, fueled by love for God and love for others. It is a call to participate in God's redemptive work in the world, bringing hope, healing, and salvation to a lost and broken humanity.

May we embrace the Great Commission with passion and zeal, recognizing the privilege and responsibility entrusted to us as ambassadors of Christ. Let us go forth in faith, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that Jesus commanded. And may we do so with the confidence that He is with us always, empowering and guiding us to fulfill His purposes on earth.





## Prayer

- Heavenly Father, thank You for the privilege of being co-workers with You in Your kingdom work.
- Help us to embrace the Great Commission with passion and obedience, making disciples of all nations and teaching them to obey all that Jesus commanded.
- May Your Spirit empower and guide us as we step out in faith to fulfill Your mission, and may Your name be glorified among the nations.

## Reflection

- Reflect on the Great Commission and the role of the Holy Spirit in empowering believers for mission.
- Meditate on how you can partner with the Holy Spirit to share the gospel and make disciples.

## Prayers for African Enterprise Rwanda & S. Sudan

- Pray for the Kigali Students Mission from the 20th to the 26th May 2024
- Pray that many young people would come to know Christ
- Pray for the Juba West Mission in South Sudan from the 24th to the 31st October 2024
- Pray that AE would be a catalyst for Missions in South Sudan





# Pentecost Sunday

## Global Day of Prayer

19th May 2024

Almighty God- Father, Son and Holy Spirit

We gather with believers all over the world,  
To glorify you as creator of heaven and earth,  
You alone are holy and righteous,  
We submit to your authority  
We praise and adore you alone

Father, we honour you  
Lord Jesus Christ, we honour you  
Holy Spirit we honour you

Our Father in heaven  
Thank you loving the world so much,  
That you gave your only son, Jesus Christ,  
To die on the cross for our sins,  
So that we could be reconciled to You.  
Fill us with your love as we faithfully intercede for  
the lost  
The hopeless, the helpless and the world

Thank you Father, for adopting us into Your family

Lord Jesus Christ

You died on the cross  
And redeemed us to the father by your blood  
You are the head of the church  
And the Lord of all heaven and earth  
Let your Kingdom be established in every  
nation of the world  
Bring transformation among peoples of all  
tribes and languages  
So that righteousness and justice will prevail  
May Your Name be great, from the rising of the  
sun to its setting  
Jesus Christ, You are Lord of all







### **Father of mercy and grace**

We have sinned. Our world is gripped by the power of sin. Our hearts are grieved by injustice, hatred and violence. We are shamed by oppression, racism and bloodshed in our land. We mourn all loss of life in murder, war and terrorism. Our homes are broken and our churches are divided by rebellion and pride. Our lives are polluted by selfishness, greed, idolatry and sexual sin.

God of mercy, forgive our sins.  
Pour out Your grace and heal our land.

### **Spirit of the living God**

Transform Your Church into the image of Jesus Christ. Release your power to bring healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed and comfort to those who mourn. Fill us with compassion for the homeless and the hungry for orphans, widows and the elderly. Give us wisdom and insight for our world's problems. Help us to use the resources of the earth for the well-being of all.

Holy Spirit, guide us and lead us.

### **Lord Jesus Christ,**

You destroyed sin, conquered death and defeated Satan. Remove the veil of darkness that covers the peoples. Restrain the evil that promotes violence and death. Deliver us from demonic oppression. Break the hold of slavery, tyranny and disease. Help us to tear down strongholds and ideologies that resist the knowledge of God.

Almighty God, deliver us from evil.

### **King of Glory,**

Come and finish your work in our cities, our peoples and our nations. From all continents and islands we cry:

Lift up your heads, O you gates! Be lifted up ancient doors so that the King of glory may come in!

Come fill the earth with the knowledge of your glory as the waters cover the sea. The Spirit and the Bride say:

Amen! Come Lord Jesus!





**Come Holy Spirit & ignite again the flame that has grown dim. Blow again with the wind that has dissipated into a breeze. Empower us again that we may fulfil our God-given mandate at Pentecost, to preach the Gospel to ALL the world!**

## **Next Prayer and Fasting Season**

**22nd - 26th July 2024**

**Prayer is the Oxygen by which the Church exists, through it we show our dependence on God for Him to move the mountains and obstacles in the way of preaching the Gospel.**

**“...men ought to pray not faint...”**

**Luke 18:1**

**PRAY ALWAYS, PRAY FERVENTLY, PRAY WITH URGENCY,**

**PRAY WITH PASSION, PRAY BELIEVING**

**GOD IS ALWAYS LISTENING**

**GOD IS ALWAYS READY TO ANSWER OUR PRAYERS**