

# Integral Faith

"Homily helps and liturgy resources highlighting care for our common home."



## Homily Helps and Petitions for Pentecost Sunday, Cycle C (June 8, 2025)

### Homily Helps

#### † Scripture Passages to Note:

**Acts 2:** All who believed were together and had all things in common. They would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need.

**Psalms 104:** How varied are your works, Lord! In wisdom you have made them all, the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, great and wide! It teems with countless beings, living things both large and small.

**1 Corinthians 12:** There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

**John 20:** On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

#### † Comments for the Day:

Fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, transforming them into courageous witnesses to the Christ event. Once they were infused with the power from on high, nothing could stop them. The same power has been given to us to be witnesses of God's goodness to all that he created. This power is to be used - not abused - but to care as God cares.

It is interesting to note that in the Pentecost story from the Acts of the Apostles, two of the elements that are highlighted - fire and wind - are both called "brother" in the *Canticle of the Creatures* composed by Saint Francis. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis looks to Saint Francis for inspiration and strength.

As we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and the Church, let us recall that the Spirit is sent to "renew the face of the earth." As followers of Jesus, we are commissioned to renew all relationships: between people, nations, and the earth itself. As Pope Francis writes, the Spirit, the bond of love, is intimately present at the heart of the universe. May our celebration of Pentecost remind us of our responsibility to one another, and to the creation with which God has gifted us.

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† **Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:**

Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. (202)

Love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of a charity which affects not only relationships between individuals but also “macro-relationships, social, economic and political ones” ... social love moves us to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation and to encourage a "culture of care" which permeates all of society. (231)

The Spirit, infinite bond of love, is intimately present at the very heart of the universe, inspiring and bringing new pathways. (238)

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts, and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you! (246)

### Related Prayers of the Faithful

**Option 1:** That our celebration of Pentecost reminds us of our responsibility to one another and to all of God's creation, let us pray to the Lord ...

**Option 2:** That the fire of the Holy Spirit burn in our hearts and send us forth to build-up the kingdom proclaimed by Jesus, let us pray to the Lord ...

### Further Resources

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