



On this day of Pentecost, we cannot, like the disciples, all be gathered together in one room, but we can be all together in spirit. So, let us pray:

The response to the bidding ‘Spirit of the living God’ is ‘Hear our prayer.’

Loving God, on the first day of Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together in one place, bewildered and afraid, and needing courage from you. In these confusing and frightening times, we too need your strength; courage from you to face whatever it is that we must face. Just as you sent your Holy Spirit into that room, and upon the heads of the disciples, we ask you to re-visit us with your confidence and power. Whether we are at home sheltering or isolating, working, or getting ready to start going more into our community, help us to be lights shining in the darkness for you.

Spirit of the living God, Hear our prayer.

Powerful God, we bring before you the leaders of the Nations. We thank you for our Queen, and we pray that you will be with her and sustain her at this time. We pray that all leaders, including our own, will carry out their duties with integrity, working for the good of those they have been elected to govern.

Spirit of the living God, Hear our prayer.

Compassionate Father, we pray today for those who are rendered homeless or imprisoned because of war, religious intolerance, or political manoeuvring. We pray especially for Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, that she may be freed under the Eid clemency system. We pray too for those we know who are awaiting decisions which will affect their life freedoms.

Spirit of the living God, Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we thank you for the love that we have been able to share in this period of lock-down due to the coronavirus. We have partaken of your Word, hymns, music, reflections and prayers and we have learned that it is your love which binds us all together. We pray that we as a church community will emerge stronger from this enforced physical separation. We pray for our Parochial Church Council as it meets, on-line, with Archdeacon Ian in June. We pray that you will guide us all in this interregnum and that your Holy Spirit will dwell upon us as decisions are made as to our new incumbent.

Spirit of the living God, hear our prayer.

Healing God, we think today of those who are facing or undergoing medical treatment, those who are fearful of test results, those who are sick and long to be well. Be with them we pray. Guard and protect them, give your angels charge over them and may they know the power of your healing love. In a moment or two of quietness, we bring before you those who are nearest to our hearts. You know them Lord, and we leave them, and their burdens, in trust with you.

Spirit of the living God, hear our prayer.

Let us end our prayers by saying together the Grace:

May the Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore, AMEN.

Every blessing,

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