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PRACTICES

*for Mind, Body & Spirit*

GALLERY

*for Contemplation*

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*for Adoration*





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# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

JOEL LITTLEPAGE

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

—1 Corinthians 12:4-7

“Varieties . . . same.”

Since our earliest days, we have reached out to find communion across the chasm of difference—“variety.” We were ourselves and others were themselves. What choice had we but to reach out? We sought to find one like us—“same”—who could see and embrace us. The baby pines for his mother, the little child for acceptance from her classmate, the teenager refreshes his screen to see how many people have “liked his story,” and on it goes throughout our lives.

The tragedy is that we have often been turned away and have turned away others. We have been refused the sameness of community, and our kind of variety has been treated with hostility. That experience is individual: friendships have been rejected or have broken, family never existed or crumbled over time, the feeling of never quite fitting into any community. But it is also vast and communal: ethnic-, class-, or gender-based systems of apartheid and oppression, nations at war with nations, brutal violence.

And then there is God. Here we face the same kind of predicament. We have both a desire for oneness with our Maker—to be with and like God—but also a fear of the chasm of holy other that lies between us and the one who made us.

Into this chasm descends the Holy Spirit, baptizing with the same divine fire a variety of expressions, all at once. To live in the Spirit of Pentecost is to embrace these two words—“variety” and “same”—and to listen for the holy harmony that they make together. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote in his book *Life Together*: “God did not make others as I would have made them. God did not give them to me so that I could dominate and control them, but so that I might find the Creator by means of them. Now other people, in the freedom with which they were created, become an occasion for me to rejoice, whereas before they were only a nuisance and a trouble

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David Bumgardner

for me. God does not want me to mold others into the image that seems good to me, that is, into my own image. Instead, in their freedom from me, God made other people in God's own image."

Christian community is meant to be a manifestation of this kind of unified freedom: all loved by one Father, served by one Son, sanctified by one Spirit, and yet all so very different in gifts, service, and activity. The call to manifest this now applies to the individual (deep spiritual friendship with another who is different from us) as well as to the communal (fostering communities where difference is seen as a gift and not a threat).

In this Living Prayer Periodical, we have curated a large variety of expressions from the same Spirit, with material presented in the following languages: Igbo (from Nigeria), Sotho (from Lesotho and South Africa), Polish, Spanish, German, French, Arabic, Greek, Mandarin, Korean, and Japanese. I was especially moved when I first read the global Pentecost litany now presented here in the Sunday morning liturgy, which calls out for the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, and wonder.

## INTRODUCTION

**T**he Daily Prayer Project (DPP) is a movement that exists to animate the life of prayer through the manifold beauty of the church. We connect and unify Christians by resourcing them with daily prayers, practices, and music from the global-historical church, and visual art of spiritual and artistic value. All of these rich resources are crafted into a simple, functional, and beautiful product: our Living Prayer Periodicals (LPPs). This is what you are holding in your hands right now.

We produce six LPP editions per year that move with the Christian seasons of Advent, Christmas & Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time. These

A highlight of the Gallery is Indian artist Joshua John's *Saints at the Chai Stall*, a work that presents a mundane scene of communal spiritual life with the underlying cosmic power that empowers it. To me, it profoundly explores the ramifications of Pentecostal community. In the Practices, our codirector Ashley Williams explores the promise of the Holy Spirit's guiding presence in relation to prayer and communal discernment, and the Rev. Cyril Chavis encourages us to expand this spiritual community through evangelism and witness. Lastly, in the Songbook we present a marvelous cross-cultural musical interaction, with the Egyptian music ministry Better Life translating and rearranging a praise anthem written by a Norwegian woman, Hilde M. Bedsvaag, who herself wrote the song while serving as a missionary in Nairobi, Kenya.

We often take for granted the astounding reality of what the church is in all its variety and sameness. This family of faith is your family too. May you experience the "unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace" as you pray with others throughout these next weeks of Ordinary Time.

Let us pray.

editions combine dynamic and diverse content with a stable method for morning and evening prayer.

This method not only provides consistency for the life of prayer and practice, but it also forms us all into a life of communion with God and unity with our global and historical family of faith. It is this communal prayer that fuels and forms our own expressions of prayer in the present season of our lives. The DPP is an entrance into the holy, unifying, and empowering experience of praying together in a common way without ceasing throughout the Christian year.





## Daily Prayer Project Lectionary

A lectionary is a schedule of Bible readings that is meant to help Christians read the whole Bible over a period of time, emphasizing particular themes and narratives during particular seasons of the Christian year. The Daily Prayer Project follows the Sunday (and certain holy day) readings of the Revised Common Lectionary, the largest shared Bible-reading plan in North America. For most Monday–Saturdays, we follow our own Daily Prayer Project Lectionary, which moves through scripture in a slow, three-year cycle. The DPP Lectionary is broken down into three categories of readings from scripture: the Psalms, the Old Testament, and the New Testament. The Old Testament is broken

down into its traditional three parts: (1) **Law & History**, (2) **Wisdom & Poetic Literature**, and (3) **the Prophets**. The New Testament is also broken down into its traditional three sections: (1) **the Four Gospels & Acts**, (2) **the Pauline Epistles**, and (3) **the General Epistles**. Lectionaries are a time-tested tool from the history of the church for maintaining a steady “diet” from the Bible’s different parts. They are specifically designed to lighten the daily load of reading and to help the reader focus in on smaller passages and particular books at a time. This facilitates slower, more meditative reading. Currently, the DPP is in Year B of the lectionary.

	YEAR A	YEAR B	YEAR C
<b>The Psalms</b>	ALL 150 PSALMS 2x/Year	ALL 150 PSALMS 2x/Year	ALL 150 PSALMS 2x/Year
<b>Old Testament</b>	LAW & HISTORY Genesis–Leviticus	LAW & HISTORY Numbers–2 Samuel	LAW & HISTORY 1 Kings–Esther
	WISDOM & POETRY Proverbs & Job	WISDOM & POETRY Proverbs & Ecclesiastes	WISDOM & POETRY Proverbs & Song of Songs
	PROPHETS Isaiah & Minor Prophets (Part I)	PROPHETS Jeremiah, Lamentations & Minor Prophets (Part II)	PROPHETS Ezekiel & Minor Prophets (Part III)
<b>New Testament</b>	GOSPEL & ACTS Matthew, Mark & Acts	GOSPEL & ACTS Luke & Acts	GOSPEL & ACTS John & Acts
	PAULINE EPISTLES Romans–Titus	PAULINE EPISTLES Romans–Titus	PAULINE EPISTLES Romans–Titus
	GENERAL EPISTLES Hebrews–Revelation	GENERAL EPISTLES Hebrews–Revelation	GENERAL EPISTLES Hebrews–Revelation

*\*Sundays and holy days are from the Revised Common Lectionary*

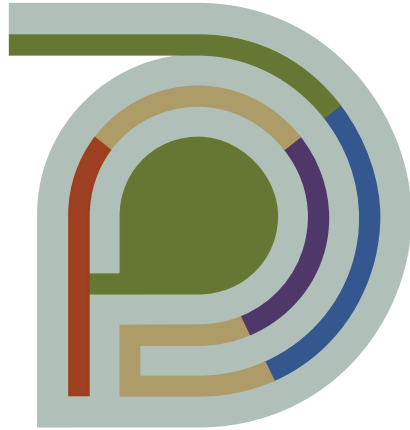
## Methods & Elements

**E**ach day of the LPP features morning and evening prayer liturgies framed by seven core elements. Everyone's style of praying is different because every person is different. Beyond that, Christian prayer varies widely across cultures and denominations. No single method can capture this. However, we hope you find within the LPP a rhythm that gives enough structure and freedom to facilitate a diverse community of prayer. Every element is offered as a guiding movement, not as a binding rule. You are encouraged to modify the liturgy based on the context of prayer. Consider establishing rhythms of prayer in your congregation, household, workplace, small groups, or other gatherings so that you might experience the formative reality of common prayer. If doing this liturgy individually, you are encouraged to take your time to soak it in. If doing it as a group, it may be best to alternate leading each element. Also, consider using different postures in prayer (standing, kneeling, lifted or open hands, lying prostrate, etc.) that fit your context.

**CALL:** There is an invitation always open to us. The Spirit of God calls us to come into the holy presence, and we respond to this welcome by entering in.

**PSALM:** The Psalms form the core language of prayer for the people of God and have done so for thousands of years. The Psalms give us language and postures of heart and body to express in the presence of God.

**ADORATION:** We were created to adore God, and in the place of worship we find the joy of this purpose. This adoration happens in both silence and song. We provide three to four songs per edition in the Songbook found at the back of the periodical. Full recordings and resources for these songs and others can be found at [dailyprayerproject.com](http://dailyprayerproject.com). You are also encouraged to sing songs from your own community.



**LESSON:** The scriptures give us the story of the Father's redemption of all things in the Son by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**PRAYER:** We are led across praise, confession, and guided intercessory prayer by our family of faith all over the globe and throughout time. We receive every prayer as a gift as we put them on our own lips and in our own hearts. These prayers range from traditional prayers of the universal church to more modern and meditative prayers.

**ABIDING:** In response to what we have encountered in the first five elements, Abiding is an opportunity for deeper communion and self-reflection through meditating on the scriptures (*lectio divina*), considering the art in the gallery (*visio divina*), or using our bodies to engage historical Christian practices (*praxis divina*). Out of that place, we are also prompted to pray for the needs of others in different stations of life.

**BENEDICTION:** We close our time with a word of love and blessing over our lives from God himself, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Our journey of prayer is framed by the Call and the Benediction; God has the first and the last word over all things in our lives.



*Hannah Busing*

## Adapting the LPP for Household Prayer

### *A Five-Element Method*

**W**e have often been asked how to adapt the Living Prayer Periodicals for household prayer, especially when that involves small children. It is an important question and one that we want to provide some suggestions for in this Advent edition. These suggestions come after years of practice and experimenting within our own communities and families. The liturgies can be practiced once or twice a day, depending on your household rhythms. In my house, we practice communal prayer around the table once we finish dinner (almost!) every evening.

Disclaimer: If you have small children, prayer time will probably not always be peaceful and beautiful. These times might involve some chaos, disordered

noise, fighting, arguing, silly laughter, etc. That's OK! Especially as children begin developing new habits and growing in their ability to pay attention, you are encouraged to let them grow in this way and to take your time growing in prayer together. There is no hurry, and things need not be perfect. The Lord is with you and your family and merely desires your presence. The important part is finding a simple rhythm and sticking to it because children (and adults) thrive on rhythms.

The following suggested method takes the seven core elements of the LPP liturgies and reduces them to five:

**CALL**

**LESSON** (Psalm, OT, or NT)

**ABIDING**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**



Here are some practical suggestions for implementing this method:

- Before you begin to pray together, select what your Lesson reading is going to be. For example, if the scripture readings that day are Psalm 62, Leviticus 12, and Mark 10, then choose one or a section of one of those to attend to. It will probably be best for those with small children to begin small. If Mark 10 is chosen, then choose just one of the sections of that chapter.
- Before you begin to pray together, distribute the parts of the liturgy to different members of the household. In my household we have five people, so each member is responsible for one movement of the liturgy. If you have children who can read, they might relish the chance to read a different part each day. We keep a chart on the wall with the day, the five elements, and the person's name, giving each person a chance to do different parts throughout the week.
- If children cannot read, worry not! Children also love to do call-and-response, and this is how their language is formed. For my youngest son, who cannot read, his mother or I whisper the words of the call in his ear and he then gets to say them loudly for the family prayer time. He loves it, and yes, it is often adorable.
- Begin each time of prayer by taking some breaths together as a family (we often do three deep breaths), bringing stillness to your bodies, hearts, and minds.
- **CALL:** Again, children often love call-and-response! If necessary, teach them what their response line is going to be (the words in bold). Then someone should read the call and hear the response of the rest of the table.
- **LESSON:** Read the passage of scripture you selected before, or have one of the children read it (mine fight over this privilege . . .).
- **ABIDING:** This element can be really flexible as far as what is done and how long it takes. Here is a suggested flow:

1. You might begin by actually reading the italicized text in the Abiding section: "Pause at the start/end of this day. Enjoy communion with the living God . . ." Or maybe start this time by singing a song together (e.g., a song from the back of the book or one from your church's worship service).
2. Then invite some reflection on the scripture reading you just heard together by asking simple questions: "What did you hear in that passage?" "What stuck out to you?" "What did Jesus do?" "What do you think it meant when it said \_\_\_\_\_?" You might get asked a question that you don't know the answer to, and that's perfectly fine! We are all always learning together.
3. From here you could pray one of the provided prayers in the LPP for that day, you could pray using one or more of the prompts, you could pray as the passage you heard leads you, or you could practice intercessory prayer.

- **THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Simply pray this together every day as Jesus taught us.
- **BENEDICTION** (feel free to call it a "blessing" or "God's good word"): When we practice this element, the person giving the benediction raises their hands and puts them outward while the rest around the table open their hands, palms up, in a posture of reception. Then the benediction is spoken and the time of prayer comes to an end.

This is merely a suggested method, and you are encouraged to modify, reduce, or expand it as fits the context of your household. Our prayer is that you can find your communal rhythm of communing with the Creator and experience the beauty and shalom that comes from praying together.

Let us pray,  
*Joel Littlepage*

## Seasons of the Christian Year

**A**t the Daily Prayer Project we practice the global and historical tradition of the Christian year (sometimes called the liturgical year or church year) as a communal rhythm that forms us—year after year, season after season—to be the people of God and the bearers of God’s story. Human beings are creatures fundamentally and profoundly shaped by stories. Each of our lives will always be following someone’s calendar and bearing someone’s story, but the question is: whose story is it, and what kind of narrative it is telling? The Christian year is an ancient Christian tradition of ordering the 365-day calendar year around the life of Christ. Some dates and celebrations vary by Eastern and Western Christian traditions, but they are generally as follows: Advent,

Christmastide, Epiphany (also called Ordinary Time in some traditions), Lent, Eastertide, and Ordinary Time.

The Daily Prayer Project crafts each edition of the LPP in accordance with the Christian year, with six editions per annual cycle. Most editions average eight weeks, except the Ordinary Time edition, which spans about sixteen weeks in the fall. Christmas and Epiphany (with Epiphanytide extending through the eve of Ash Wednesday) are combined into a single edition, and we celebrate the “season” of Pentecost throughout the summer months, from the day of Pentecost to the first Sunday in September. Each season has been assigned a liturgical color and seasonal icon.



**PENTECOST | MAY 19, 2024**

Pentecost is the culminating feast of the season of Easter, concluding the season. Pentecost celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit and the birth date of the church (Acts 2). The Feast of Pentecost is Sunday, May 19. Ordinary Time begins Monday, May 20, and ends Saturday, November 30. This edition covers Sunday, May 19, through Saturday, August 31. The flame as the Pentecost icon is a reminder of the presence of God. In the Old Testament God speaks to Moses through the burning bush and leads the children of Israel in the wilderness in the shape of a pillar of fire. In the New Testament John the Baptist speaks of God’s flame as a baptismal element of purification whose fulfillment is experienced in Acts 2.

## 2023–2024 Christian Year



**ADVENT**

Dec 3–Dec 24



**CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY**

Dec 25–Feb 13



**LENT**

Feb 14–Mar 30



**EASTER**

Mar 31–May 18



**PENTECOST**

May 19



**ORDINARY TIME**

May 20–Nov 30







# PRAYERS

SUNDAY MORNING TO WEDNESDAY EVENING

COLORADO  
*Hudson Hintze*



# PENTECOST LECTIONARY

WEEKDAY	DATE	PSALM	OT	NT
<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	MAY 19	104	EZEK. 37:1-14	ACTS 2:1-21; JOHN 15:26-27
<b>MONDAY</b>	MAY 20	120	HOS. 3	ACTS 1:12-14
<b>TUESDAY</b>	MAY 21	121	HOS. 4	ACTS 1:15-26
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	MAY 22	122	HOS. 5	ACTS 2:22-47
<b>THURSDAY</b>	MAY 23	123	HOS. 6	ACTS 3:1-26
<b>FRIDAY</b>	MAY 24	124	HOS. 7	ACTS 4:1-31
<b>SATURDAY</b>	MAY 25	125	HOS. 8	ACTS 4:32-5:16
<b>SUNDAY, OT I</b>	MAY 26	29	ISA. 6:1-8	JOHN 3:1-17; ROM. 8:12-17
<b>MONDAY</b>	MAY 27	126	HOS. 9	ACTS 5:17-42
<b>TUESDAY</b>	MAY 28	127	HOS. 10	ACTS 6:1-7
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	MAY 29	128	HOS. 11	ACTS 6:8-7:53
<b>THURSDAY</b>	MAY 30	129	HOS. 12	ACTS 7:54-8:3
<b>FRIDAY</b>	MAY 31	130	HOS. 13	ACTS 8:4-25
<b>SATURDAY</b>	JUNE 1	131	HOS. 14	ACTS 8:26-40
<b>SUNDAY, OT II</b>	JUNE 2	81	DEUT. 5:12-15	MARK 2:23-3:6; 2 COR. 4:5-12
<b>MONDAY</b>	JUNE 3	132	JOEL 1	ACTS 9:1-31
<b>TUESDAY</b>	JUNE 4	133	JOEL 2	ACTS 9:32-43
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	JUNE 5	134	JOEL 3	ACTS 10:1-48
<b>THURSDAY</b>	JUNE 6	135	AMOS 1	ACTS 11:1-18
<b>FRIDAY</b>	JUNE 7	136	AMOS 2	ACTS 11:19-30
<b>SATURDAY</b>	JUNE 8	137	AMOS 3	ACTS 12:1-25
<b>SUNDAY, OT III</b>	JUNE 9	130	GEN. 3:8-15	MARK 3:20-35; 2 COR. 4:13-5:1
<b>MONDAY</b>	JUNE 10	138	AMOS 4	ACTS 13:1-12
<b>TUESDAY</b>	JUNE 11	139	AMOS 5	ACTS 13:13-41
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	JUNE 12	140	AMOS 6	ACTS 13:42-14:7
<b>THURSDAY</b>	JUNE 13	141	AMOS 7	ACTS 14:8-28
<b>FRIDAY</b>	JUNE 14	142	AMOS 8	ACTS 15:1-35
<b>SATURDAY</b>	JUNE 15	143	AMOS 9	ACTS 15:36-16:5

# PENTECOST LECTIONARY



WEEKDAY	DATE	PSALM	OT	NT
<b>SUNDAY, OT IV</b>	JUNE 16	92	EZEK. 17:22-24	MARK 4:26-34; 2 COR. 5:6-17
<b>MONDAY</b>	JUNE 17	144	OBADIAH	ACTS 16:6-15
<b>TUESDAY</b>	JUNE 18	145	JON. 1	ACTS 16:16-40
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	JUNE 19	146	JON. 2	ACTS 17:1-15
<b>THURSDAY</b>	JUNE 20	147	JON. 3	ACTS 17:16-34
<b>FRIDAY</b>	JUNE 21	148	JON. 4	ACTS 18:1-22
<b>SATURDAY</b>	JUNE 22	149	MIC. 1	ACTS 18:23-19:10
<b>SUNDAY, OT V</b>	JUNE 23	107	JOB 38:1-11	MARK 4:35-41; 2 COR. 6:1-13
<b>MONDAY</b>	JUNE 24	150	MIC. 2	ACTS 19:11-41
<b>TUESDAY</b>	JUNE 25	1	MIC. 3	ACTS 20:1-35
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	JUNE 26	2	MIC. 4	ACTS 20:36-21:16
<b>THURSDAY</b>	JUNE 27	3	MIC. 5	ACTS 21:17-39
<b>FRIDAY</b>	JUNE 28	4	MIC. 6	ACTS 21:40-22:21
<b>SATURDAY</b>	JUNE 29	5	MIC. 7	ACTS 22:22-23:11
<b>SUNDAY, OT V</b>	JUNE 30	30	LAM. 3:22-33	MARK 5:21-43; 2 COR. 8:7-15
<b>MONDAY</b>	JULY 1	6	NAH. 1	ACTS 23:12-35
<b>TUESDAY</b>	JULY 2	7	NAH. 2	ACTS 24:1-27
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	JULY 3	8	NAH. 3	ACTS 25:1-22
<b>THURSDAY</b>	JULY 4	9	HAB. 1	ACTS 25:23-26:32
<b>FRIDAY</b>	JULY 5	10	HAB. 2	ACTS 27:1-44
<b>SATURDAY</b>	JULY 6	11	HAB. 3	ACTS 28:1-31
<b>SUNDAY, OT VI</b>	JULY 7	123	EZEK. 2:1-5	MARK 6:1-13; 2 COR. 12:2-10
<b>MONDAY</b>	JULY 8	12	ZEPH. 1	1 COR. 12
<b>TUESDAY</b>	JULY 9	13	ZEPH. 2	1 COR. 13
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	JULY 10	14	ZEPH. 3	1 COR. 14
<b>THURSDAY</b>	JULY 11	15	1 CHRON. 1	1 COR. 15
<b>FRIDAY</b>	JULY 12	16	1 CHRON. 2	1 COR. 16
<b>SATURDAY</b>	JULY 13	17	1 CHRON. 3	2 COR. 1





# PENTECOST LECTIONARY

WEEKDAY	DATE	PSALM	OT	NT
SUNDAY, OT VII	JULY 14	85	AMOS 7:7-15	MARK 6:14-29; EPH. 1:3-14
MONDAY	JULY 15	18	1 CHRON. 4	2 COR. 2
TUESDAY	JULY 16	19	1 CHRON. 5	2 COR. 3
WEDNESDAY	JULY 17	20	1 CHRON. 6	2 COR. 4
THURSDAY	JULY 18	21	1 CHRON. 7	2 COR. 5
FRIDAY	JULY 19	22	1 CHRON. 8	2 COR. 6
SATURDAY	JULY 20	23	1 CHRON. 9	2 COR. 7
SUNDAY, OT VIII	JULY 21	23	JER. 23:1-6	MARK 6:30-34, 53-56; EPH. 2:11-22
MONDAY	JULY 22	24	1 CHRON. 10	2 COR. 8
TUESDAY	JULY 23	25	1 CHRON. 11	2 COR. 9
WEDNESDAY	JULY 24	26	1 CHRON. 12	2 COR. 10
THURSDAY	JULY 25	27	1 CHRON. 13	2 COR. 11
FRIDAY	JULY 26	28	1 CHRON. 14	2 COR. 12
SATURDAY	JULY 27	29	1 CHRON. 15	2 COR. 13
SUNDAY, OT IX	JULY 28	145	2 KINGS 4:42-44	JOHN 6:1-21; EPH. 3:14-21
MONDAY	JULY 29	30	1 CHRON. 16	GAL. 1
TUESDAY	JULY 30	31	1 CHRON. 17	GAL. 2
WEDNESDAY	JULY 31	32	1 CHRON. 18	GAL. 3
THURSDAY	AUG 1	33	1 CHRON. 19	GAL. 4
FRIDAY	AUG 2	34	1 CHRON. 20	GAL. 5
SATURDAY	AUG 3	35	1 CHRON. 21	GAL. 6
SUNDAY, OT X	AUG 4	78	EXOD. 16:2-4, 9-15	JOHN 6:24-35; EPH. 4:1-16
MONDAY	AUG 5	36	1 CHRON. 22	EPH. 1
TUESDAY	AUG 6	37	1 CHRON. 23	EPH. 2
WEDNESDAY	AUG 7	38	1 CHRON. 24	EPH. 3
THURSDAY	AUG 8	39	1 CHRON. 25	EPH. 4
FRIDAY	AUG 9	40	1 CHRON. 26	EPH. 5
SATURDAY	AUG 10	41	1 CHRON. 27	EPH. 6

# PENTECOST LECTIONARY



WEEKDAY	DATE	PSALM	OT	NT
<b>SUNDAY, OT XI</b>	AUG 11	34	1 KINGS 19:4-8	JOHN 6:35, 41-51; EPH. 4:25-5:2
<b>MONDAY</b>	AUG 12	42	1 CHRON. 28	PHIL. 1
<b>TUESDAY</b>	AUG 13	43	2 CHRON. 1	PHIL. 2
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	AUG 14	44	2 CHRON. 2	PHIL. 3
<b>THURSDAY</b>	AUG 15	45	2 CHRON. 3	PHIL. 4
<b>FRIDAY</b>	AUG 16	46	2 CHRON. 4	COL. 1
<b>SATURDAY</b>	AUG 17	47	2 CHRON. 5	COL. 2
<b>SUNDAY, OT XII</b>	AUG 18	111	PROV. 9:1-6	JOHN 6:51-58; EPH. 5:15-20
<b>MONDAY</b>	AUG 19	48	2 CHRON. 6	COL. 3
<b>TUESDAY</b>	AUG 20	49	2 CHRON. 7	COL. 4
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	AUG 21	50	2 CHRON. 8	1 THESS. 1
<b>THURSDAY</b>	AUG 22	51	2 CHRON. 9	1 THESS. 2
<b>FRIDAY</b>	AUG 23	52	2 CHRON. 10	1 THESS. 3
<b>SATURDAY</b>	AUG 24	53	2 CHRON. 11	1 THESS. 4
<b>SUNDAY, OT XIII</b>	AUG 25	84	JOSH. 24:1-18	JOHN 6:56-69; EPH. 6:10-20
<b>MONDAY</b>	AUG 26	54	2 CHRON. 12	1 THESS. 5
<b>TUESDAY</b>	AUG 27	55	2 CHRON. 13	2 THESS. 1
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	AUG 28	56	2 CHRON. 14	2 THESS. 2
<b>THURSDAY</b>	AUG 29	57	2 CHRON. 15	2 THESS. 3
<b>FRIDAY</b>	AUG 30	58	2 CHRON. 16	1 TIM. 1
<b>SATURDAY</b>	AUG 31	59	2 CHRON. 17	1 TIM. 2



# SUNDAY

## Call

Let everything that has breath  
praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD!

*Psalm 150:6*

## Psalm

*Read the Psalm of the day.*

### MAY 19

*Pentecost*

PS. 104

EZEK. 37:1-14

ACTS 2:1-21;

JOHN 15:26-27

### MAY 26

*Trinity Sunday*

PS. 29

ISA. 6:1-8

JOHN 3:1-17;

ROM. 8:12-17

### JUNE 2

PS. 81

DEUT. 5:12-15

MARK 2:23-3:6;

2 COR. 4:5-12

### JUNE 9

PS. 130

GEN. 3:8-15

MARK 3:20-35;

2 COR. 4:13-5:1

### JUNE 16

PS. 92

EZEK. 17:22-24

MARK 4:26-34;

2 COR. 5:6-17

### JUNE 23

PS. 107

JOB 38:1-11

MARK 4:35-41;

2 COR. 6:1-13

## THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## Adoration

SILENCE OR SONG

*Seasonal song selections can be found on pp. 53-57.*

## Lesson

*Read the New Testament passage of the day.*

## Prayer

*Ka mmuo amamibe biri n'ime anyi: munye  
anumoku nke ibe di mkpa nakwa nk'wudosike  
... anyi ayo Dinwenu anyi. (IGBO)*

O Lord, we pray that the Spirit of Wisdom  
may live in us: to kindle passion for what  
is vital and faithful. Come, Holy Spirit.

*Watahitachi no nakani sonzaisurushinno  
rikaitowa, kokoronokoeni mimiwokatumuke,  
souiwo sontyousurakotoni ... arunodesu.  
(JAPANESE)*

O Lord, we pray that the Spirit of  
Understanding may live in us: to  
hear others and see diversity as a  
strength. Come, Holy Spirit.

*Dass der Geist des Rechtsurteils in uns lebt,  
um zu allen Leuten die menschlichen  
Rechte geben und zu ungewaltigen Verhalten  
modelln uns . . . beten wir. (GERMAN)*

O Lord, we pray that the Spirit of  
Right Judgment may live in us: to grant  
human rights to all people and to model  
nonviolent behavior. Come, Holy Spirit.

*Pedimos que el Espiritu de Valor pueda  
vivir entre nosotros para proclamar la  
verdad y aceptar el reto de la Palabra de  
Dios . . . roguemos al Señor. (SPANISH)*

O Lord, we pray that the Spirit of  
Courage may live in us: to speak the  
truth and accept the challenge of  
the gospel. Come, Holy Spirit.

*Niech zagości w nas duch mądrości  
aby głosić słowo Boże we wszystkim  
co mówimy i czynimy. Ciebie prosimy  
. . . wysłuchaj nas Pani. (POLISH)*

O Lord, we pray that the Spirit of  
Knowledge may live in us: to give us the  
insight to preach God's Word in all that  
we say and do. Come, Holy Spirit.

*Για να μπορεί να ζήσει μέσα μας το  
Πνεύμα της Ευλάβειας . . . για να  
σεβόμαστε και φροντιζουμε όλα τα όντα  
σαν αδελφοί και αδελφές. (GREEK)*

O Lord, we pray that the Spirit of  
Reverence may live in us: to respect  
and care for all living things as brothers  
and sisters. Come, Holy Spirit.



*Que l'Esprit de merveille puisse  
vivre en chacun de nous; afin que  
nous puissions voir la beauté qui nous  
entoure . . . nous prions. (FRENCH)*

O Lord, we pray that the Spirit of  
Wonder may live in us: to see the beauty  
that surrounds us. Come, Holy Spirit.

Prayers of Esther Okwor, Yoshie Crowley, Bruce Johnson, Ellen  
Mary Lopez, Jarek Kozal, Greg Carnevale, and Ross Hoffman,  
respectively. Adapted from a collection of prayers used at Pente-  
cost by the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

## Abiding

LECTIO DIVINA, VISIO DIVINA, OR PRAXIO DIVINA

*Pause at the start of a new day. Enjoy communion with the living  
God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Listen for the voice of God in the  
scriptures. Read. Meditate. Pray. Contemplate. Seek God's face.*

PROMPTED PRAYER

- For an awareness of the global  
and beautiful body of Christ
- For those who have been hurt  
and abused by the church
- For the fruit of the Spirit in your life

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed  
be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy  
will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive  
us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Benediction

Hear the Most High say: "I will put my  
Spirit within you, and you shall live."  
May you go from this place with an  
awareness of the living Spirit within you.

*Adapted from Ezekiel 37:14a*



### JUNE 30

PS. 30  
LAM. 3:22-33  
MARK 5:21-43;  
2 COR. 8:7-15

### JULY 7

PS. 123  
EZEK. 2:1-5  
MARK 6:1-13;  
2 COR. 12:2-10

### JULY 14

PS. 85  
AMOS 7:7-15  
MARK 6:14-29;  
EPH. 1:3-14

### JULY 21

PS. 23  
JER. 23:1-6  
MARK 6:30-34, 53-56;  
EPH. 2:11-22

### JULY 28

PS. 145  
2 KINGS 4:42-44  
JOHN 6:1-21;  
EPH. 3:14-21

### AUG 4

PS. 78  
EXOD. 16:2-4, 9-15  
JOHN 6:24-35;  
EPH. 4:1-16



Annie Spratt



## Call

But I trust in you, O LORD;  
I say, "You are my God."  
**My times are in your hand.**

*Psalm 31:14–15a*

## Psalm

*Read the Psalm of the day.*

### THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## Adoration

SILENCE OR SONG

*Seasonal song selections can be found on pp. 53–57.*

## Lesson

*Read the Old Testament passage of the day.*

## Prayer

On your last days on earth you promised to leave us the Holy Spirit as our present comforter. We also know that your Holy Spirit blows over this earth. But we do not understand him. Many think he is only wind or a feeling. Let your Holy Spirit break into our lives. Let him come like blood into our veins, so that we will be driven entirely by your will. Let your Spirit blow over wealthy Europe

and America, so that people there will be humble. Let him blow over the poor parts of the world, so that people there need suffer no more. Let him blow over Africa, so that people here may understand what true freedom is. There are a thousand voices and spirits in this world, but we want to hear only your voice, and be open only to your Spirit. Amen.

*A prayer of a young Ghanaian Christian, taken from *I Lie on My Mat and Pray**

## Abiding

LECTIO DIVINA, VISIO DIVINA, OR PRAXIO DIVINA

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### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Pray for the known needs of your church, neighborhood, city, and world.

## Benediction

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. May you rest now in the freedom of the Spirit of God.

*2 Corinthians 3:17–18*

### AUG 11

PS. 34  
1 KINGS 19:4–8  
JOHN 6:35, 41–51;  
EPH. 4:25–5:2

### AUG 18

PS. 111  
PROV. 9:1–6  
JOHN 6:51–58;  
EPH. 5:15–20

### AUG 25

PS. 84  
JOSH. 24:1–18  
JOHN 6:56–69;  
EPH. 6:10–20



# MONDAY

## Call

The Spirit of God has made me,  
and the breath of the Almighty  
gives me life.

*Job 33:4*

## Psalm

*Read the Psalm of the day.*

**MAY 20**

PS. 120

HOS. 3

ACTS 1:12–14

**MAY 27**

PS. 126

HOS. 9

ACTS 5:17–42

**JUNE 3**

PS. 132

JOEL 1

ACTS 9:1–31

**JUNE 10**

PS. 138

AMOS 4

ACTS 13:1–12

**JUNE 17**

PS. 144

OBADIAH

ACTS 16:6–15

**JUNE 24**

PS. 150

MIC. 2

ACTS 19:11–41

**JULY 1**

PS. 6

NAH. 1

ACTS 23:12–35

**JULY 8**

PS. 12

ZEPH. 1

1 COR. 12

## THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## Adoration

SILENCE OR SONG

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## Lesson

*Read the Old Testament passage of the day.*

## Prayer

Ruh allah nadouka, an ta'ati fi wasatna  
Taml'una bilqua tahya fina alaan  
Anta alrouh almohyi, anta alrabu alshafi  
Torshed wa touazi, sud alayna alaan  
Ruh allah nadouka, an ta'ati fi wasatna  
Taml'una bilqua, tahya fina alaan **(ARABIC)**

Welcome, Holy Spirit,  
we are in your presence.  
Fill us with your power,  
O Lord, live inside of me.  
You're the living water,  
never-drying fountain.  
Comforter and Counselor,  
take complete control.  
Welcome, Holy Spirit,  
we are in your presence.  
Fill us with your power,  
O Lord, live inside of me.

Adapted from the song “Welcome, Holy Spirit” by Hilde M. Bedsvaag of Norway. The Arabic translation is from the Better Life music ministry based in Cairo, Egypt. You can find the sheet music and recording for this song on p. 55.)

## Abiding

LECTIO DIVINA, VISIO DIVINA, OR PRAXIO DIVINA

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PROMPTED PRAYER

- For a humble dependence on the power of the Holy Spirit
- For those who work in public transportation
- For those who have suffered from gun violence

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Benediction

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. May the Lord fill you with hope in the surety of this promise.

*Adapted from Romans 8:11*



# MONDAY



## Call

Cast your burden on the LORD,  
and he will sustain you;  
**he will never permit the  
righteous to be moved.**

*Psalm 55:22*

## Psalm

*Read the Psalm of the day.*

### THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## Adoration

### SILENCE OR SONG

*Seasonal song selections can be found on pp. 53–57.*

## Lesson

*Read the New Testament passage of the day.*

## Prayer

**Confession:** Lord Jesus Christ, let thy Holy Spirit enlighten our minds and convince us thoroughly of our sin, so that, humbled and with downcast eyes, we may recognize that we stand far, far off and sigh, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner”; but then let it befall us by thy grace as it befell that publican who went up to the temple to pray and went down to his house justified.

A prayer of Søren Kierkegaard (1813–1855) of Copenhagen, Denmark, taken from *The Prayers of Kierkegaard*

**Assurance:** I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

*Ezekiel 36:25–27*

## Abiding

LECTIO DIVINA, VISIO DIVINA, OR PRAXIO DIVINA

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### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Pray for the known needs of your church, neighborhood, city, and world.

## Benediction

After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. May you rest now in the gracious will of God.

*Adapted from 1 Peter 5:10*

### JULY 15

PS. 18  
1 CHRON. 4  
2 COR. 2

### JULY 22

PS. 24  
1 CHRON. 10  
2 COR. 8

### JULY 29

PS. 30  
1 CHRON. 16  
GAL. 1

### AUG 5

PS. 36  
1 CHRON. 22  
EPH. 1

### AUG 12

PS. 42  
1 CHRON. 28  
PHIL. 1

### AUG 19

PS. 48  
2 CHRON. 6  
COL. 3

### AUG 26

PS. 54  
2 CHRON. 12  
1 THESS. 5

EVENING PRAYER



# TUESDAY

## Call

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust.

*Psalm 25:1–2*

## Psalm

*Read the Psalm of the day.*

### MAY 21

PS. 121

HOS. 4

ACTS 1:15–26

### MAY 28

PS. 127

HOS. 10

ACTS 6:1–7

### JUNE 4

PS. 133

JOEL 2

ACTS 9:32–43

### JUNE 11

PS. 139

AMOS 5

ACTS 13:13–41

### JUNE 18

PS. 145

JON. 1

ACTS 16:16–40

### JUNE 25

PS. 1

MIC. 3

ACTS 20:1–35

### JULY 2

PS. 7

NAH. 2

ACTS 24:1–27

### JULY 9

PS. 13

ZEPH. 2

1 COR. 13

## THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## Adoration

SILENCE OR SONG

*Seasonal song selections can be found on pp. 53–57.*

## Lesson

*Read the New Testament passage of the day.*

## Prayer

O God,  
the God of spirits and of all flesh,  
you are beyond compare,  
and stand in need of nothing.  
You who have given the  
sun rule over the day,  
and the moon and the stars  
rule over the night,  
look down on us with gracious eyes,  
and receive our morning thanksgivings,  
and have mercy on us.  
We have not “spread out our  
hands to a strange God,”  
for there is not among us any new God  
but you, the eternal God,  
who are without end,  
who have given us our being  
through Christ,  
and given us our well-being through him.

Through him also give us eternal life;  
with him be glory, and honor,  
and worship to you and to the  
Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

Taken from the Apostolic Constitutions. This collection of ancient Christian writings can be dated to around 380 CE and is thought to have originated in Antioch, Syria. Adapted from *Prayers of the Early Church*.

## Abiding

LECTIO DIVINA, VISIO DIVINA, OR PRAXIO DIVINA

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## PROMPTED PRAYER

- For gratitude
- For those who live on the margins of your community and for their inclusion in the family of God
- For those who work as musicians, designers, writers, and artists

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Benediction

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

*Romans 15:13*

# TUESDAY



## Call

I long for your salvation, O LORD,  
and your law is my delight.  
Let my soul live and praise you,  
and let your rules help me.

*Psalm 119:174-75*

## Psalm

*Read the Psalm of the day.*

### THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## Adoration

SILENCE OR SONG

*Seasonal song selections can be found on pp. 53-57.*

## Lesson

*Read the Old Testament passage of the day.*

## Prayer

Ososo ososo,  
sarang eui imgum,  
uriga hanmom  
iruge hasoso.  
Ososo ososo,  
tongil eui imgum,  
uriga hanmom  
iruge hasoso

(KOREAN)

Come now, O God of love,  
make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus;  
reconcile your people.  
Come, Hope of unity;  
make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus;  
reconcile all nations.

Adapted from the hymn “오소서”(Ososó) by Kōn-  
yong Yi (Geon-yong Lee) (이건용) of Korea

## Abiding

LECTIO DIVINA, VISIO DIVINA, OR PRAXIO DIVINA

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God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Listen for the voice of God in  
the scriptures. Read. Meditate. Pray. Contemplate. Seek God's face.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Pray for the known needs of your  
church, neighborhood, city, and world.

## Benediction

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be  
with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

*Adapted from Galatians 6:18*

### JULY 16

PS. 19  
1 CHRON. 5  
2 COR. 3

### JULY 23

PS. 25  
1 CHRON. 11  
2 COR. 9

### JULY 30

PS. 31  
1 CHRON. 17  
GAL. 2

### AUG 6

PS. 37  
1 CHRON. 23  
EPH. 2

### AUG 13

PS. 43  
2 CHRON. 1  
PHIL. 2

### AUG 20

PS. 49  
2 CHRON. 7  
COL. 4

### AUG 27

PS. 55  
2 CHRON. 13  
2 THESS. 1

EVENING PRAYER



# WEDNESDAY

## Call

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.”  
And let the one who hears say, “Come.”  
And let the one who is thirsty come;  
**let the one who desires take  
the water of life without price.**

*Revelation 22:17*

### MAY 22

PS. 122

HOS. 5

ACTS 2:22–47

## Psalm

*Read the Psalm of the day.*

## THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

### MAY 29

PS. 128

HOS. 11

ACTS 6:8–7:53

### JUNE 5

PS. 134

JOEL 3

ACTS 10:1–48

## Adoration

SILENCE OR SONG

*Seasonal song selections can be found on pp. 53–57.*

### JUNE 12

PS. 140

AMOS 6

ACTS 13:42–14:7

## Lesson

*Read the Old Testament passage of the day.*

## Prayer

**Confession:** For the ways I have  
treated You, my Lord. *(Silence)*  
For the ways I have treated  
my neighbor. *(Silence)*  
For the ways I have treated myself. *(Silence)*

### JUNE 19

PS. 146

JON. 2

ACTS 17:1–15

### JUNE 26

PS. 2

MIC. 4

ACTS 20:36–21:16

### JULY 3

PS. 8

NAH. 3

ACTS 25:1–22

**Assurance:** Do you not know that your  
body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within  
you, whom you have from God? You are  
not your own, for you were bought with  
a price. So glorify God in your body.

*1 Corinthians 6:19–20*

## Abiding

LECTIO DIVINA, VISIO DIVINA, OR PRAXIO DIVINA

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God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Listen for the voice of God in  
the scriptures. Read. Meditate. Pray. Contemplate. Seek God’s face.*

## PROMPTED PRAYER

- For an awareness of the holiness of God
- For those who are in conflict
- For those who work as  
cleaners and janitors

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed  
be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy  
will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive  
us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Benediction

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with  
you. As the Father has sent me, even  
so I am sending you.” And when he  
had said this, he breathed on them and  
said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”  
May the peace of Christ be with you.

*Adapted from John 20:21–22*



# WEDNESDAY



## Call

Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

*Psalm 139:7*

## Psalm

*Read the Psalm of the day.*

### THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## Adoration

SILENCE OR SONG

*Seasonal song selections can be found on pp. 53–57.*

## Lesson

*Read the New Testament passage of the day.*

## Prayer

God, our guide, we live in hope for the future: we are determined to go on, to venture with the help of our collaborators, making great efforts, so that “those who were not your people” may truly become your people. Difficult days lie ahead, but we believe that in the end, with your help, we shall overcome. Amen.

A prayer of Alain Rocourt (1924–2002) of Haiti, adapted from *Oceans of Prayer*. Rocourt was a Haitian Methodist pastor who labored tirelessly for the education of children in his land.

## Abiding

LECTIO DIVINA, VISIO DIVINA, OR PRAXIO DIVINA

*Pause at the end of this day. Enjoy communion with the living God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Listen for the voice of God in the scriptures. Read. Meditate. Pray. Contemplate. Seek God's face.*

### PRAYER OF MINDFULNESS

*Throughout the history of the church, Christians have incorporated practices of prayer that call to mind God's presence in the moment, humbly and gratefully review the time that has passed, and look forward to the gift of another day. Pray through these prompts slowly, giving time to each step of the practice.*

1. Become aware of God's presence.
2. Review the day with gratitude.
3. Pay attention to your emotions.
4. Choose one feature of the day and pray from it.
5. Look toward tomorrow.

## Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine  
upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance  
upon you and give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

### JULY 10

PS. 14  
ZEPH. 3  
1 COR. 14

### JULY 17

PS. 20  
1 CHRON. 6  
2 COR. 4

### JULY 24

PS. 26  
1 CHRON. 12  
2 COR. 10

### JULY 31

PS. 32  
1 CHRON. 18  
GAL. 3

### AUG 7

PS. 38  
1 CHRON. 24  
EPH. 3

### AUG 14

PS. 44  
2 CHRON. 2  
PHIL. 3

### AUG 21

PS. 50  
2 CHRON. 8  
1 THESS. 1

### AUG 28

PS. 56  
2 CHRON. 14  
2 THESS. 2





PRACTICES



CATEGORY: EVANGELISM

## GOING OUT WITH GOD'S NAME

*Rev. Cyril Chavis*

### MEDITATION

I remember a moment that changed the way I thought about names for the rest of my life. At an African dance class, the instructor was teaching us about the significance of a name. He said, “When you introduce yourself, never say, ‘My name is . . .’ No, no, no. Whenever I introduce myself, I say, ‘I am . . .’ Your name is not just a name! It was given to you to tell you who you are!” He then made us say our names out loud with authority. “I am Cyril!” My name means “lordly.”

Throughout biblical history, names are important. Names tell people who they are. But what about God? What is God’s name?

Knowing God’s name is essential for all of life but particularly for evangelism. Why? Because telling people that God can set them free is scary. But God gives his name to fearful people so that they can share good news. In Exodus 3, before sending Moses on a mission to save Israel from Pharaoh and bondage in Egypt, God introduces himself to Moses in a burning bush. God first shares a sort of nickname: “I AM who I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you’” (Exod. 3:14). In verse 15, he then shares his name “Yahweh,” which means “he is” or “he will be.” What does this mean? The book of Revelation helps us out here. The author says, “Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who



is to come” (Rev. 1:4). The author is saying, “God is the one who is always with his people!” In telling Moses his name, God communicates to him and to us that he has always been, is, and will be with his people and will always deliver them.

God’s name let fearful Moses know that God’s presence would go with him. Oppressed outwardly by Pharaoh and inwardly by their rejection of God’s rule, they would be delivered from Egypt and from their hardness of heart by the great I AM working through Moses. Moses needed God’s

name to go. The Israelites needed God’s name to be freed. And ultimately, we need God’s name to be free and to be sent like Moses to share this freedom with others.

Yahweh is with us as we go out to share the news of the gospel with our neighbors! He is working salvation as he sends us out to share our faith. God will never abandon his people to the darkness that is all around us. Yahweh will deliver us, and he is with us as we go.

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#### EXPLORATION

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When Jesus came, he borrowed God’s nickname when he used “I AM” phrases. As you go, simply borrow Jesus’s strategy—use everyday things to show people who God is.

- Jesus said, “I AM the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst” (John 6:35). For the one who hungers, Jesus brings satisfaction.
- Jesus said, “I AM the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). When darkness and hopelessness abound, Jesus brings the light and hope of God.
- Jesus said, “I AM the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture” (John 10:9). For a world that is so desperate for access to the blessings of God, Jesus comes to show them where they can go.
- Jesus said, “I AM the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). To those who are lost and without a way in the world, Jesus comes and brings awesome, loving leadership.
- Jesus said, “I AM the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). For those looking for life transformation, Jesus is the plug to abundant life.
- Jesus said, “I AM the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). For those who are looking for true access to God, Jesus is the only path forward.

We have the great I AM who promises to be with us as he always has. With that assurance, go out boldly in his name.

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CATEGORY: PRAYER

# WALKING BY THE SPIRIT

*Ashley Williams*

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## MEDITATION

Life is movement in one direction or another. As we sit in this very second, we've been brought here via an intricate highway of daily habits, whether conscious or unconscious, and decisions made with or without intention. Much of our lives can be lived with a passive posture—simply reacting to the internal and external needs and tasks at hand. But the way of Jesus, the way of life in the Spirit, can offer us something more.

Paul prays on behalf of the saints in Philippi, “That your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best . . .” (Phil. 1:9 NIV). His prayer is an invitation for us to act and to move in loving ways, consciously guided by the Spirit’s knowledge and wisdom. This is what the saints of old have understood “walking by the Spirit” to mean. And one such saint, Chinese evangelist Dora Yu (1873–1931), attests to a life in step with the Spirit.

Born in a Christian household in Hangzhou, Dora from an early age recognized the importance of a Spirit-filled life, recalling once that “ever since I can remember, I prayed every day to God, rarely forgetting. For me, Christ was a really personal God.” This personal God, in her estimation, cared deeply about each situation and decision before her, and she was assured of his presence in both the mundane, such as during a night’s sleep (“Since Jesus is with me, why be afraid?”), and in more life-altering decisions like cutting off all Western aid to her vocational evangelistic work in Korea in an effort to “live by faith.” Her prayers demonstrate a solitary goal for her life, a goal we’d each do well to take up and cultivate: to live daily in the presence of God through prayer.

Pentecost, the season we find ourselves in, is a reminder and encouragement today that the Spirit did indeed come (Acts 2) and is in us, guiding us as we go. In this season, may we all take up the invitation to develop the practice of God’s presence through prayer in the Spirit, trusting that through daily requests of the Spirit’s knowledge and wisdom, we may be able to truly discern his will and way.



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## EXPLORATION

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How can we know God's will in each decision and situation before us? Let's explore a format of prayer for discerning God's will:

1. **Identify the decision.** Is there a specific opportunity or calling, maybe even a simple desire to do a certain thing, accept a specific job, or embark on a new relationship? Name that decision or situation in God's presence in prayer. As Paul instructs in Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Though God knows our desires, in his economy of grace he insists that we vulnerably make our needs known.
2. **Interrogate in prayer.** Be aware that often we come to decisions and situations with a proclivity or an attraction to a specific outcome. We rarely face change with neutrality. Helpful prayers at this point are the ancient prayers of relinquishment and indifference. The prayer of relinquishment echoes that of Mary, mother of Jesus: "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). The prayer of indifference echoes our Lord in the garden of Gethsemane:

"Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done" (Luke 22:42). Both prayers free the clenched fist and cultivate in us an openness to the Spirit's guidance.

3. **Invite community.** Having prayed through the decision or situation before us, we then invite the communion of saints for external affirmation. As Proverbs 11:14 warns, "Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety." Identify those friends and counselors in your orbit who demonstrate a Spirit-filled life and seek their guidance in your decision-making.

The scriptures promise us that "if any of [us] lacks wisdom, let [us] ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given" (James 1:15). As Dora passionately and practically believed, we do indeed serve a personal God who is with the toddler in her dark bedroom, with the Chinese missionary moving his family to the Middle East, or with the activist preparing to contend for justice in the public square. The movement of life with its endless possibilities and decisions can be frightening, but since the Spirit dwells in us, there is no need to be afraid. For where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

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# GALLERY

## **Pentecost**

*Gako Ota, ca. 1960*

Belvedere, pampas grass, paper bush, lilies, rib of fan

Source: *Consider the Flowers: Meditations in Ikebana* (Kyo Bun Kwan, 1990)

# FREEDOM

Juan Francisco Guzmán (1954–) of Sololá, Guatemala, is a painter, poet, novelist, and short story writer with an interest in philosophy, folklore, and the spiritual. He was deeply formed, in a positive way, by the five years he spent as a student at Colegio Seminario San José, a secondary-level educational institution in Sololá run by Benedictine monks. In 2006 twelve of his paintings were featured in the widely distributed art calendar of missio Aachen, an international Catholic missionary organization based in Germany, including the one pictured here, *Freedom*.

The painting shows a person of indeterminate gender unleashing their breath, which manifests as a flock of flame-like birds in reds, yellows, purples, and blues. With one hand the person holds a reed to their mouth, through which their breath blows, and with the other they seem to be embracing or protecting the birds that fly forth, or perhaps guiding their flight. The image could be read as a sending out of the Spirit—God breathing life into the fledgling body of Christ in Jerusalem, which would expand from there into all of Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Guzmán’s artistic style has been described as magic realism. “I have to paint what I see, but not as I see it. Or rather, I must paint what my inner self sees,” he said in a video interview. “We need other eyes—not only physical eyes, which are essential, but also inner eyes, eyes of the spirit, eyes of the soul—to be able to discover that which is beyond what we can see physically.”

What aspects of Pentecost does *Freedom* evoke for you? How does the artist create a sense of dynamism?

## Freedom

*Juan Francisco Guzmán, 2006*

Oil on canvas, 81 × 60 cm

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## Saints at the Chai Stall

*Joshua John, 2014*

Acrylic on canvas, 40.6 × 61 cm

Private collection, New Zealand

<https://joshuajohnart.com>

# SAINTS AT THE CHAI STALL

Joshua John (1979–) is a self-taught artist from New Delhi who approaches painting, he says, “as a sustained visual prayer, a spiritual wrestling, a sacred act of listening and creating from a place of play and vulnerability.” Here’s what he has to say about *Saints at the Chai Stall*:

Men drinking chai somewhere in rural India is a known ritual. For a woman to sit beside them is unusual. Typically she is tending the cattle, feeding her children, ferrying water, working the field; anything but sitting easy drinking tea. How can she sip chai without getting her character questioned? How can different tribes be together in the same narration?

The saints at the chai stall quit trying to be good or religious. They simply received the gift of reconciliation without a fuss. It turns prejudiced people into a holy community at rest. Drinking chai, breaking chapati, is an act of cosmic communion. The Grace Man in the lower right is lowly and humble, and without him there is no color, no communion, and no saints who are truly alive.

The Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost unites believers across barriers of gender, class, and tribe, bringing us into fellowship with one another. In John’s painting, the Spirit’s flow is visualized as a light-studded river that emerges from the man’s cup at the left, arching over the tea shop (the interstellar imagery suggesting the farthest reaches), brushing the skirt of a woman saint who’s being drawn into the community, and filling the cup of the woman seated on the bench. Christ’s presence in the bottom right corner is subtle but all-suffusing.

In addition to making art, John has also pastored a multicultural church and regularly leads motorcycle tours in India and Nepal.



# MARIA HEIMSUCHUNG: DIE WUNDERBARE BEGEGNUNG

*(Visitation of Mary: The Miraculous Encounter)*

Mary and Elizabeth—two women linked by God’s plan to become incarnate and so bring about the salvation of the world. Mary became miraculously pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit, without any man, and her elder cousin Elizabeth also conceived by surprise, as she was beyond the typical childbearing years. In the first chapter of his Gospel, Luke recounts that these two women from the margins of society came together during their pregnancies, naming the work of God in each other’s lives and each encouraging the other in her sense of call. This meeting—which the church commemorates yearly on May 31, the Feast of the Visitation—gave rise to one of the earliest and most subversive Christian praise songs, the Magnificat.

In her body of paintings on women of the Bible, Lucy D’Souza-Krone has portrayed the Visitation, contextualizing the scene to her Indian culture. In their mutual glorification of God, Mary and Elizabeth hold hands and dance, celebrating how God lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. They are full of divine grace and light. Caught up in a gust of wind, their saris flap upward, suggesting the form of a butterfly and thus the transformation being wrought. The embryonic Christ child is in the center, encased in a coconut, and a yellow coconut leaf forms the backdrop. Coconuts are broken and offered in the holy places of India, the artist says, so this alludes to how Jesus would give his life as an offering. John the Baptist, Elizabeth’s son, would also be cracked open, slain, but not before fulfilling his mission to prepare the way for Cousin Jesus. “He must increase, but I must decrease,” John said.

D’Souza-Krone was born in Goa in 1949. In 1976 she joined the spiritual community of Khristsevikas and became active in women’s education in rural India. In 1983 she joined INSCAPE in Silvepura, the Christian art ashram founded by Jyoti Sahi, where she lived, studied, and worked for over a decade. She married Andreas Krone, a Protestant pastor, in 1996 and moved with him to his home country of Germany, where she remains today. Art making, she says, is her sadhana, or spiritual practice. Whenever she paints, she always lights an oil lamp and prays, asking for the Spirit’s guidance.



## Maria Heimsuchung: Die wunderbare Begegnung

(Visitation of Mary: The Miraculous Encounter)

*Lucy D'Souza-Krone, 1994*

Oil on canvas, 60 × 50 cm

<https://lucy-art.de>







# PRAYERS

THURSDAY MORNING TO SATURDAY EVENING

SOUTH AFRICA

*Jaco Pretorius*



# THURSDAY

## Call

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,  
**that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

*Hebrews 4:16*

### MAY 23

PS. 123

HOS. 6

ACTS 3:1-26

### MAY 30

PS. 129

HOS. 12

ACTS 7:54-8:3

### JUNE 6

PS. 135

AMOS 1

ACTS 11:1-18

### JUNE 13

PS. 141

AMOS 7

ACTS 14:8-28

### JUNE 20

PS. 147

JON. 3

ACTS 17:16-34

### JUNE 27

PS. 3

MIC. 5

ACTS 21:17-39

### JULY 4

PS. 9

HAB. 1

ACTS 25:23-26:32

### JULY 11

PS. 15

1 CHRON. 1

1 COR. 15

## Psalm

*Read the Psalm of the day.*

## THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## Adoration

SILENCE OR SONG

*Seasonal song selections can be found on pp. 53-57.*

## Lesson

*Read the New Testament passage of the day.*

## Prayer

Lord, make our lives a temple  
of the Holy Spirit.

Grant each of us the fruits of the  
Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience,  
kindness, faithfulness.

May the Holy Spirit speak through the lips  
of your servants who proclaim your Word.

Send your comforting Spirit to all  
who are in trouble and distress.

Send your comforting Spirit to all  
who are victims of injustice.

Keep all nations from hatred and war.  
Gather together all the nations  
by the breath of your Spirit.

*A prayer of the Taizé community of Taizé,*

*France, taken from Prayers for Each Day*

## Abiding

LECTIO DIVINA, VISIO DIVINA, OR PRAXIO DIVINA

*Pause at the start of a new day. Enjoy communion with the living God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Listen for the voice of God in the scriptures. Read. Meditate. Pray. Contemplate. Seek God's face.*

## PROMPTED PRAYER

- For the comfort of the Holy Spirit
- For the courage to not make peace with evil
- For the children who are growing up in your neighborhood

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Benediction

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. May your spirit be free from anxiety as you place your life in his hands.

*Adapted from 1 Peter 5:6-7*



# THURSDAY



## Call

When the cares of my heart are many,  
your consolations cheer my soul.

*Psalm 94:19*

## Psalm

*Read the Psalm of the day.*

### THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## Adoration

SILENCE OR SONG

*Seasonal song selections can be found on pp. 53–57.*

## Lesson

*Read the Old Testament passage of the day.*

## Prayer

Keep me living in the heavenly realm.  
Keep me dead to sin and alive in God.  
Give me a spirit of obedience and  
childlike compliance to God's will.  
Possess my life and prompt me to take  
into account the needs of others.  
Soak me with his love, so that I might  
be like God in my love toward others.  
Help me see the things of this world from  
God's point of view and always watchfully  
await the return of the Lord of glory.

A prayer of Dora Yu (1873–1931) of China, taken from *Prayers  
and Thoughts of Chinese Christians*

## Abiding

LECTIO DIVINA, VISIO DIVINA, OR PRAXIO DIVINA

*Pause at the end of this day. Enjoy communion with the living God:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Listen for the voice of God in the  
scriptures. Read. Meditate. Pray. Contemplate. Seek God's face.*

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Pray for the known needs of your church,  
neighborhood, city, and world.

## Benediction

Be still and let God's peace wash over  
you like waves lapping over pebbles,  
smoothing rough edges of insurmountable  
worries to tiny insignificant grains of sand,  
taking away the jaggedness of sin to leave  
smooth, shining love. And let the peace  
of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be with us all tonight and every night.

A prayer of Lesley Steel of Scotland, adapted from *Seeing Christ  
in Others*

### JULY 18

PS. 21  
1 CHRON. 7  
2 COR. 5

### JULY 25

PS. 27  
1 CHRON. 13  
2 COR. 11

### AUG 1

PS. 33  
1 CHRON. 19  
GAL. 4

### AUG 8

PS. 39  
1 CHRON. 25  
EPH. 4

### AUG 15

PS. 45  
2 CHRON. 3  
PHIL. 4

### AUG 22

PS. 51  
2 CHRON. 9  
1 THESS. 2

### AUG 29

PS. 57  
2 CHRON. 15  
2 THESS. 3



# FRIDAY

## Call

Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
**O LORD my God, you are very great!**

*Psalm 104:1*

## Psalm

*Read the Psalm of the day.*

### MAY 24

PS. 124

HOS. 7

ACTS 4:1–31

### MAY 31

PS. 130

HOS. 13

ACTS 8:4–25

### JUNE 7

PS. 136

AMOS 2

ACTS 11:19–30

### JUNE 14

PS. 142

AMOS 8

ACTS 15:1–35

### JUNE 21

PS. 148

JON. 4

ACTS 18:1–22

### JUNE 28

PS. 4

MIC. 6

ACTS 21:40–22:21

### JULY 5

PS. 10

HAB. 2

ACTS 27:1–44

### JULY 12

PS. 16

1 CHRON. 2

1 COR. 16

## THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## Adoration

SILENCE OR SONG

*Seasonal song selections can be found on pp. 53–57.*

## Lesson

*Read the Old Testament passage of the day.*

## Prayer

I give thanks to you, Jesus, as I pray for strengthened faith, and for protection from evil this day. I put on the armor of God: the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the belt of truth, the sword of the Spirit, the shield of faith, and the gospel of peace, and pray for the filling of the Holy Spirit, as I stand in the victory of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection, and the light of his holy, perfect, everlasting love.

*A prayer of Kari Kristina Reeves, taken from Canyon Road:*

*A Book of Prayer*

## Abiding

LECTIO DIVINA, VISIO DIVINA, OR PRAXIO DIVINA

*Pause at the start of a new day. Enjoy communion with the living God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Listen for the voice of God in the scriptures. Read. Meditate. Pray. Contemplate. Seek God's face.*

## PROMPTED PRAYER

- For intimacy with God
- For deep spiritual friendships
- For the rights of all who labor

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Benediction

May the steadfast love of the Lord be upon you even as you hope in him.

*Adapted from Psalm 33:22*



## Call

Send out your light and your truth;  
let them lead me;  
**let them bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling!**

*Psalm 43:3*

## Psalm

*Read the Psalm of the day.*

### THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## Adoration

SILENCE OR SONG

*Seasonal song selections can be found on pp. 53–57.*

## Lesson

*Read the New Testament passage of the day.*

## Prayer

Ach Gott Vater, gieb uns gnädig,  
was zu Leib und Leben gehöret!  
Ach du Sohn Gottes, hilf uns von Sünden,  
sei uns gnädig, und gieb uns deinen Geist!  
Ach Gott, heiliger Geist, heile, tröste  
und stärke uns wider den Teufel,  
und gieb uns endlich Sieg, und die  
Auferweckung vom Tode. (GERMAN)

O God the Father, graciously give us  
all that we need for body and soul.  
O Son of God, deliver us from sin, be  
gracious to us, and give us your Spirit.  
O God, Holy Spirit, heal, comfort,  
and strengthen us against the devil,  
and give us endless victory and  
resurrection from death. Amen.

A prayer of Martin Luther (1483–1546) of  
Germany, taken from *Die Gebete Luthers*

## Abiding

LECTIO DIVINA, VISIO DIVINA, OR PRAXIO DIVINA

*Pause at the end of this day. Enjoy communion with the living*

*God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Listen for the voice of God in  
the scriptures. Read. Meditate. Pray. Contemplate. Seek God's face.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Pray for the known needs of your church,  
neighborhood, city, and world.

## Benediction

May grace be unto you and peace from  
him who is and who was and who is to  
come, and from the seven spirits who are  
before his throne, and from Jesus Christ  
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the  
dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

*Adapted from Revelation 1:4b–5*

### JULY 19

PS. 22  
1 CHRON. 8  
2 COR. 6

### JULY 26

PS. 28  
1 CHRON. 14  
2 COR. 12

### AUG 2

PS. 34  
1 CHRON. 20  
GAL. 5

### AUG 9

PS. 40  
1 CHRON. 26  
EPH. 5

### AUG 16

PS. 46  
2 CHRON. 4  
COL. 1

### AUG 23

PS. 52  
2 CHRON. 10  
1 THESS. 3

### AUG 30

PS. 58  
2 CHRON. 16  
1 TIM. 1



# SATURDAY

## Call

Singers and dancers alike say,  
**“All my springs are in you.”**

*Psalm 87:7*

## Psalm

**MAY 25** *Read the Psalm of the day.*

PS. 125

HOS. 8

ACTS 4:32–5:16

**JUNE 1**

PS. 131

HOS. 14

ACTS 8:26–40

**JUNE 8**

PS. 137

AMOS 3

ACTS 12:1–25

**JUNE 15**

PS. 143

AMOS 9

ACTS 15:36–16:5

**JUNE 22**

PS. 149

MIC. 1

ACTS 18:23–19:10

**JUNE 29**

PS. 5

MIC. 7

ACTS 22:22–23:11

**JULY 6**

PS. 11

HAB. 3

ACTS 28:1–31

**JULY 13**

PS. 17

1 CHRON. 3

2 COR. 1

*Read the Psalm of the day.*

THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
 and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
 ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## Adoration

SILENCE OR SONG

*Seasonal song selections can be found on pp. 53–57.*

## Lesson

*Read the New Testament passage of the day.*

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我們相信 我們相信神聖、普世、合一的基督教會，  
 聖徒一體，是從全人類所呼召的。我們相信 當信徒  
 能和上帝重新和好，也能互相和好時，基督和好的  
 功能便在教會裡顯 現出來了。我們相信 信徒的合一必  
 須以各種方式來表明與實踐：彼此相愛；彼此在愛裡  
 經歷、操練以及尋求溝通；願意付出，彼此樂意接  
 受施予和祝福；有相同的信仰，有相同的呼召，同  
 心合意；有同一個神與父，被同一位聖靈所充滿，受  
 同一個 洗，吃同一個餅和喝同一個杯，承認同一主  
 名，順服同一個神，為同一個目標努力，分享同一個  
 希望；一起明瞭主的愛是長闊高深的 **(MANDARIN)**

We believe in one holy, universal Christian  
 church, the communion of saints called  
 from the entire human family. We believe  
 that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made  
 manifest in the church as the community  
 of believers who have been reconciled  
 with God and with one another. Therefore  
 we believe that this unity of the people  
 of God must be manifested and be active  
 in a variety of ways: in that we love one

another; that we experience, practice, and  
 pursue community with one another;  
 that we are obligated to give ourselves  
 willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and  
 blessing to one another; that we share  
 one faith, have one calling, are of one soul  
 and one mind; have one God and Father,  
 are filled with one Spirit, are baptized  
 with one baptism, eat of one bread and  
 drink of one cup, confess one Name, are  
 obedient to one Lord, work for one cause,  
 and share one hope; that together we  
 come to know the height and the breadth  
 and the depth of the love of Christ.

A portion of the Belhar Confession from South Africa.

This confession, drafted in 1982, was written amid the  
 church’s struggle against racism and apartheid. Mandarin  
 translation from the Reformed Church in America.

## Prayer

O God, You are One—make us one.

A prayer from India, adapted from *Morning, Noon and Night*

## Abiding

LECTIO DIVINA, VISIO DIVINA, OR PRAXIO DIVINA

*Pause at the start of a new day. Enjoy communion with the living  
 God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Listen for the voice of God in  
 the scriptures. Read. Meditate. Pray. Contemplate. Seek God’s face.*

PROMPTED PRAYER

- For a heart of joyful rest
- For those who have left the faith
- For the flourishing of all people in your  
 place, from the womb to the tomb

THE LORD’S PRAYER – See p. 48 for text.

## Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the  
 love of God and the fellowship of the Holy  
 Spirit be with you all.

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

# SATURDAY



## Call

Be merciful to me, O God,  
be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge.

*Psalm 57:1*

## Psalm

*Read the Psalm of the day.*

### THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## Adoration

SILENCE OR SONG

*Seasonal song selections can be found on pp. 53–57.*

## Lesson

*Read the Old Testament passage of the day.*

## Prayer

**Confession:** Lamb of God, you take away  
the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, grant us peace.

*The Agnus Dei*

**Assurance:** Christ, our Passover lamb, has  
been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate  
the festival, not with the old leaven, the  
leaven of malice and evil, but with the  
unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

*1 Corinthians 5:7–8*

## Abiding

LECTIO DIVINA, VISIO DIVINA, OR PRAXIO DIVINA

*Pause at the end of this day. Enjoy communion with the living  
God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Listen for the voice of God in  
the scriptures. Read. Meditate. Pray. Contemplate. Seek God's face.*

### PRAYER OF MINDFULNESS

1. Become aware of God's presence.
2. Review this past week with gratitude.
3. Pay attention to your emotions.
4. Choose one feature of the week and pray from it.
5. Look toward tomorrow and the beginning of a new week.

### A PRAYER FOR SABBATH

Creator God,  
on the seventh day you rested  
and were refreshed.  
Please help me now to enter into  
the rest of your Sabbath,  
that I may cease from my work  
and delight in your care over my life  
both now and forever.  
Amen.

## Benediction

Lord, you now have set your servants free  
to go in peace as you have promised, for  
these eyes of ours have seen the savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world  
to see: a light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel. Glory  
to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon), based on Luke 2:29–32*

### JULY 20

PS. 23  
1 CHRON. 9  
2 COR. 7

### JULY 27

PS. 29  
1 CHRON. 15  
2 COR. 13

### AUG 3

PS. 35  
1 CHRON. 21  
GAL. 6

### AUG 10

PS. 41  
1 CHRON. 27  
EPH. 6

### AUG 17

PS. 47  
2 CHRON. 5  
COL. 2

### AUG 24

PS. 53  
2 CHRON. 11  
1 THESS. 4

### AUG 31

PS. 59  
2 CHRON. 17  
1 TIM. 2





FRANCE

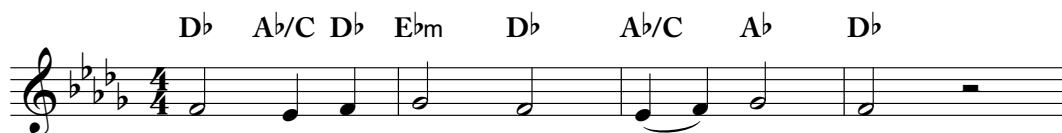
*David Menidrey*

SONGBOOK



# TLO MOYA

(COME, HOLY SPIRIT)



Sotho: Tlo Mo - ya o ha - la - le - lang,  
Re be jwa - le ka di - fa - te,



moe - 'a 'ne - te, wa che - se - ho,  
tse hlo - mi - loeng pel - 'a met - si,



ke - na di pe - long— tse ba - tang,  
re no - se - tswe, Moe - 'a Nta - te,



di tu - kis - we ka— Le - ra - to.  
ka ma - tsa - tsi le— ma - tsa - tsi.

*English translation for understanding:*

Come, Holy Spirit  
The Spirit of truth  
Enter into our cold hearts  
Warm them with your love

May we be like the trees  
That are planted beside the waters  
That we may be watered with the Holy Spirit  
Day by day

A traditional hymn sung in the Sotho (pronounced *soo-too*) language of South Africa and Lesotho. As performed by the group Joyous Celebration of South Africa.

# RUH ALLAH NADOUKA

(WELCOME, HOLY SPIRIT)



D Em

Arabic: Ruh all - ah na - dou - ka, — an ta' - ati fi wa - sat - na —  
 English: Wel - come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, — we are in your pre - sence,

D/F# G Asus4 A D

tam - la'u - na bil - qu - a — tah - ya fi - na a - laan.  
 fill us with your pow - er, — live in - side — of me.

D/F# G G/A

Ruh all - ah na An - ta al - rouh al - mo - hyi — an - ta al - ra - bu al -  
 Wel - come, Ho - ly You're the li - ving wa - ter, — ne - ver dry - ing

D D/F# G Em7

sha - fi — tor - shed wa tou - a - zi — sud a - lay - na a -  
 foun - tain. — Com - for - ter and Coun - se - lor, — take com - plete con -

Asus4 A

laan — Ruh all - ah na  
 trol. — Wel - come, Ho - ly

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# COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE



D GM7 D Bm G

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul— of  
 2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions  
 3. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul— will

A Em G A D

mine, and vi - sit it with thine own ar - dor glo - wing;  
 turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con - su - ming;  
 long, shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

GM7 D Am Em G

O Com - for - ter, draw near, with - in my heart ap -  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a

A G Em A D

pear, and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 sight, and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 place where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a— dwell - ing.

Text by Bianco da Siena (1350–1434) of Italy; translated by Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890) of Dublin, Ireland.

Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958) of London, England.

# HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US / VEN ESPÍRITU DE DIOS



Em Bm/D C B Em C C6 B

English: Ho - ly Spi-rit, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.—  
Spanish: Ven, Es - pí - ri - tu de Dios, y de tu a - more en - cien - de la lla - ma.

Em Am D G C Am6 B Em

Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us.  
Ven, Es - pí - ri - tu de a - more, ven, Es - pí - ri - tu — de a - more.



*Tyler Donaghy*

## PENTECOST POEM

### NOT LIKE A DOVE

Come Holy Spirit, come  
like a red eft creeping out  
from under wet leaves  
crossing the traveled highway  
at night after rain.  
Come like the brown anole comes north  
unexpected in bananas or limes;  
like a gecko hunting roaches on a wall.  
Come like chameleon;  
like iguana still as deep green death  
flittering a cloven tongue.  
Come like Komodo parting the ways  
with your stinking breath. Come  
clear the carrion from this isle.  
Come Holy Spirit  
come like the Dragon remembered of old  
rattling and clanking on golden wings.  
Seize our treasures for your glittering hoard.  
Burn away all that will burn.

MARY F. C. PRATT

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In her essay “Celestial and Strange: On Art That Disrupts,” Annelise Jolley writes, “We become numb to truth and beauty when it’s presented the same way again and again. One of art’s responsibilities is to make us vulnerable again, to subvert our callousness and make us porous enough to receive truth and beauty, the way poetry forces you to look at things from odd angles, to hear something familiar in a new cadence or imagine it sideways through metaphor.”

Mary F. C. Pratt’s poem “Not Like a Dove” is certainly odd and disruptive. If you associate the Holy Spirit with any animal, it’s probably a dove—all four Gospel writers use this comparison in their account of Jesus’s baptism. But Pratt tells us up front in the title that she’s going to be exploring different similes; ones that are not so safe and comfortable. She goes on to invoke the Holy Spirit as red eft (juvenile newt), anole (type of iguana), gecko, chameleon, Komodo dragon, and, perhaps most disorienting, a mythic winged dragon.

Because the biblical authors typically use reptilian imagery to describe evil or chaos, Pratt’s application of such to the Holy Spirit rubs against the grain of our Christian conditioning. But it’s important to remember that with metaphors, the two linked terms are alike in some ways and not alike in others. We could name ways in which Satan is like a dragon. But in what ways might the Holy Spirit be like a dragon?

Instead of a Holy Spirit who hovers and alights, Pratt challenges us to consider a Holy Spirit who creeps, clicks, and clanks. Who scavenges and stalks. Who surprises and terrifies. Who breathes a torrent of fire.



BRAZIL

*Emily Crawford*



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