

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – The Day of Pentecost**

*Intercessor* Filled with the Holy Spirit, let us offer prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of the whole human family saying, *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that God will pour out the Spirit in a new and abundant way to renew creation and strengthen us in the Way of Love. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For a flourishing of the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be signs of love, joy, and peace in our daily lives. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For reconciliation in the human family, that God will help us bridge the gulf that divides nations, races, genders, and economic groups and restore our ability to work together against poverty, disease, famine, and injustice. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For conversion of hearts, that God will break the anger, fear and revenge that grip so many, and bring an end to violence and reveal new ways to resolve hurts and differences. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For those for whom we ought to pray, remembering especially.....that they may be empowered and strengthened by God's life-giving Spirit. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, particularly those who have served our nation..... that God will welcome them into the company of the saints forever. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bear and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, O God, who sends us the Spirit of truth. Hear the prayers we offer this day and let your Holy Spirit kindle in us the welcome fire of your love, that we who are many may be one body, serving the world in your name, through Jesus Christ the Risen One, in the power of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

If there are no baptisms on this day, the Renewal of Baptismal Vows (BCP, p. 292) may take the place of the Nicene Creed at the Eucharist.

*The following introduction may be used:*

Dear People of God: on this Day of Pentecost, the Church calls us to celebrate the gifts of the Spirit, and as a sign of our baptism in the Spirit calls on us to renew our Baptismal Vows and reaffirm once again the promises which bind us to Christ and to each other.....