

Prayers for Pentecost

Scripture Focus: Galatians 5:13–15 and 22–23 (Freedom for Service)

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us begin with the Sign of the Cross.

All: In the name of the Father . . .

Leader: We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. Let us listen to hear all the good gifts we are given as we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Reader then reads the Scripture passages above from Breakthrough! The Bible for Young Catholics.

Leader: Let us thank the Holy Spirit for all of his good gifts and fruits as we pray:

“Thank you, Holy Spirit.”

All: Thank you, Holy Spirit.

Leader: For your fruits of love, joy, and peace,

All: Thank you, Holy Spirit.

Leader: For your fruits of patience, kindness, and goodness,

All: Thank you, Holy Spirit.

Leader: For your fruits of faithfulness and humility,

All: Thank you, Holy Spirit.

Leader: For your fruit of self-control,

All: Thank you, Holy Spirit.

Closing Prayer

Leader: Today we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, and to us in Baptism and Confirmation. We each received a special fruit of the Holy Spirit. Let us close with a prayer to the Holy Spirit:

All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love. Help us to share the fruits of the Spirit with all we meet. We ask this (*make the Sign of the Cross*) in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Ritual Guide

Opening Prayer

Preparation

Choose a reader to read the passage from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Optional: Choose an appropriate song to begin and end the prayer.

Gather

Gather the middle schoolers in the Bible corner. Distribute the prayer handouts if needed. Briefly rehearse the prayer response. Remind the group that they received the Holy Spirit in Baptism and will be preparing to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Explain that if they follow Jesus, the fruits of the Holy Spirit will be seen in their actions.

Pray

Begin with the Sign of the Cross as indicated. Introduce the prayer with the words given, or in your own words. Collect the handouts and set them aside for the closing prayer.

(An activity for Pentecost can be found in chapter 10 of the *Breakthrough! Leader Guide*.)

Closing Prayer

This prayer is based on and integrated into the activity offered for Pentecost. However, the introduction and prayer can be adapted to summarize the main point of any session about the Holy Spirit.

Gather

Gather the middle schoolers in the Bible corner. Explain that in the closing prayer we are asking the Holy Spirit to come to each of us and to help us share his fruits of love, peace, and joy, and all the other fruits he gives us.

Pray

Lead the group in prayer.

Optional: End with the song you chose for the opening prayer.

