



## **Solemnity of Pentecost** **National Day of Prayer**

### **GATHERING & PREPARATION**

#### **Greeting**

The Lord is here

**God's Spirit is with us**

#### **Gathering Prayer**

God our Creator,  
let the Holy Spirit surprise this our land South Africa  
with fire and vigour,  
and make us young and new again  
as he did for the young Church.  
Let your Spirit we pray renew our days,  
our love-ones and our lives,  
bring us tenderness and joy  
as well as openness to one another  
and the courage to stand up  
for all that is right and just.  
Let him unite us and lead us to you.  
All this we ask you through Christ Jesus our Lord.  
**Amen. Alleluia.**

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: **Acts 2:1-21**

**Psalm: 104:26-36**

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading: **1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

Gospel: **John 20:19-23**

#### **Silent Reflection**

*Reflect on how we can become agents of change in our community, town and country*

#### **Words of Forgiveness and Encouragement**

Jesus Christ who joins the Creator with creation,  
Has heard our groaning and cleanses us from all guilt.  
Arise and walk in faith and struggle  
For the integrity of creation and our country.  
In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and Life-giver.  
**Amen**

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one  
for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us  
and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of  
God and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Therefore, let us confess our sins, seeking the embrace of God's forgiveness  
and peace.

Lord Jesus, breathe on us the Spirit  
who can make us understand one another  
and help us to appreciate and support one another:

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, breathe on us and all in our country the Spirit  
who can unite us on one love  
and make that love creative and inventive:

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, breathe on us and all in our country your Spirit  
To liberate us from all paralyzing fears  
And to make us serve God and people with joy:

**Lord, have mercy.**

Silence is kept...

### **Litany of Repentance**

Remember not, Lord Christ our offenses, neither reward us according to our  
sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed by your  
cross and passion, and by your mercy preserve us forever.

***Spare us, good Lord.***

From all natural disasters, from hurricanes, fires, tornados earthquakes, blizzards  
and floods

***Good Lord, deliver us***

From all disease and sickness, from famine and violence

***Good Lord, deliver us***

In all times of sorrow, in all times of joy; in the hour of death and at the day of  
judgment,

***Good Lord, deliver us***

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God

***O Christ, hear us.***

For the repose of the souls of those who have died in the pandemic of Covid-19  
and the aftermath, that your holy angels may welcome them into Paradise.

***O Christ, hear us.***

Console all who grieve: those whose loved ones have died, whose families are  
torn; who are now unemployed.

***O Christ, hear us.***

Heal those who suffer from injury and illness, emotional and spiritual distress.  
Give them hope and encouragement to meet the days ahead.

***O Christ, hear us.***

Give food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty

***O Christ, hear us***

Give rest to weary and peace to the restless

***O Christ, hear us***

Grant your people grace to witness to your word, to open their hearts in love,  
and to give generously from their abundance, that they may bring forth the fruits  
of your Spirit.

***O Christ, hear us.***

Forgive us Lord, for all negligence and hardheartedness, for inequities and  
injustice that have resulted in bitterness and strife, in injury and death.

***O Christ, hear us.***

In the midst of incomprehensible loss, grant us eyes that see, ears that hear and  
hands that work so that we may discern how you would have us respond.

***O Christ, hear us.***

We give you thanks, Lord God for all agencies and individuals who assist in relief  
and health efforts; continue in them the good work you have begun, through  
them your presence is made known.

***We thank you O, Lord***

You are our refuge and strength

***Our very present help in trouble***

In you Lord is our Hope

***And we shall never hope in vain***

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask  
or imagine.

***Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ  
Jesus for ever. Amen***

### **The Collect of the Day**

**Almighty God,**

**with the wind from heaven and tongues of flame  
you poured out your Spirit on the disciples:  
set our hearts on fire with joy and power  
and send us out as witnesses  
to the wonder of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.**

**Amen**

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

(One who is unable to receive the Sacrament physically may make a spiritual  
communion, and be certain that Christ comes to him/her in this way as surely as  
he does in the Sacrament.)

*Pray in Silence:*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, refresh me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within your wounds hide me.  
Let me never be separated from you.  
From the malicious enemy defend me.  
In the hour of my death call me  
and bid me come to you  
that with your saints I may praise you  
for ever and ever. Amen

### **SENT OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**God Bless Africa;  
Guard her children;  
Guide her leaders  
And give her peace, for Jesus Christ's sake.  
Amen.**

### **Conclusion**

As we slowly return to the particular circumstances of our own lives. Let us go forth strong in our faith and our hope. God has made all things new. He sends us to witness to his love and to play a role in the new creation and building of our country South Africa. May God, who knows our joy, our anger and our pain, guide us always, and may we be courageous, stay faithful and live a life worthy of the faith.

### **Benediction**

**The Lord bless us and watch over us.  
The Lord make his face shine upon us, and be gracious to us.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace.  
Amen**

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **National Anthem**

<b>Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika,</b>	<i>[God (Lord) bless Africa]</i>
<b>Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo,</b>	<i>[May her glory be lifted high]</i>
<b>Yizwa imithandazo yethu,</b>	<i>[Hear our petitions]</i>
<b>Nkosi sikelela,</b>	<i>[God bless us]</i>
<b>Thina lusapho lwayo.</b>	<i>[Your children]</i>

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<b>Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,</b>	<i>[God we ask you to protect our nation]</i>
<b>O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,</b>	<i>[Intervene and end all conflicts]</i>
<b>O se boloke, O se boloke</b>	<i>[Protect us]</i>
<b>Setjhaba sa heso,</b>	<i>[Protect our nation]</i>
<b>Setjhaba sa South Afrika</b>	<i>[Our nation, South Africa]</i>
<b>South Africa...</b>	<i>[South Africa...]</i>

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<b>Uit die blou van onse hemel,</b>	<i>[Ringing out from our blue heavens]</i>
<b>Uit die diepte van ons see,</b>	<i>[From our deep seas breaking round]</i>
<b>Oor ons ewige gebergtes,</b>	<i>[Over everlasting mountains]</i>
<b>Waar die kranse antwoord gee,</b>	<i>[Where the echoing crags resound]</i>

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**Sounds the call to come together,  
And united we shall stand,  
Let us live and strive for freedom,  
In South Africa our land.**