



DIAKONIA World Federation Monthly Prayer for June 2020

The Day of Pentecost falls on May 31 this year, giving us a vital set of images as we go into the month of June. As a planet we are living in a challenging time. May the Pentecostal wind, fire and language provide us with the energy of renewal, the passion of commitment, and unity in diversity.

Spirit: Rushing Wind of Renewal

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Acts 2:1-2

Two thousand years ago, a band of disciples felt lost and leaderless.
Their leader, rabbi and teacher had been executed.
They held to the hope and joy of their Easter faith,
But they also questioned: What now? What next? Where do we go from here?
In the story of Pentecost, the spirit moves amongst these disciples like the wind.
The disciples were energized, strengthened, and mobilized.
In the pattern of Pentecost, the winds of God blow us out of apathy,
help us to make changes,
enable us to take action.

Holy Spirit come like the wind into our isolation doldrums.

Breath of God renew us in this time of pandemic.

Energizing Spirit bring us conviction and strength to face this bewildering time.

Spirit: Tongues of Flame

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

Acts 2: 3

Like a fire, a conviction took hold of their hearts.
The Spirit was moving in the disciples.
They were able to understand in new ways, with deep passion, and with strongly felt faith.
Where once there was despair and apathy and disillusionment,
there was now hope and energy and meaning.
The Spirit's fire was burning.

Holy Spirit warm our lives with your presence as we begin to re-open.

Fire of God enflame our commitment to those most affected by the virus.

Spirit of Passion be born anew in your people with lessons learned and new vision.

Spirit: Unity in Diversity

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Acts 2: 4-6

On the day of Pentecost,
People from many lands
And of many languages came together.
And there was a miracle of understanding and unity.

Holy Spirit help us to listen to one another.

Spirit of Pentecost grant us the ability to respect each other.

God of Possibilities enable understanding in our midst.

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