

OPENING PRAYER

Help

Who can I turn to?
Where can I get help from?
Who can help me to decide....
Now, and in the coming years...
In matters small...
And in the hard decisions I have to face....
Who can assist?

Who can help me in my call of being a
Christian....a follower of Christ...?

Come Holy Spirit.
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CONCLUDING PRAYER

Using the gifts.

God our Father
Complete the work you have begun
And keep the gifts of your Holy Spirit
Active in the hearts of your people.

Help us to put the gifts to good use.
Make us ready to live the Gospel
message.

Make us eager to do your will.
May we never be ashamed
To proclaim to all the world
That Jesus Christ who was crucified
Is living and reigning
For ever and ever.

*based on Rite of Confirmation
paragraph 33*

READING

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

A reading from the Acts of the apostles

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Acts 2:1-12

