

Prayers for the 19th May 2024 (Pentecost Sunday)

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, today we rejoice in the coming of the Holy Spirit, who gave birth to the church and who comes alongside us as our advocate, revealing Jesus and transforming and empowering us through his abiding presence.

Let us quieten our hearts and minds as we wait on the Holy Spirit.

Come Holy Spirit..... (Pause 10 seconds)

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

Spirit of truth, guide us in all truth. Help us discern right from wrong, help us to love mercy, seek justice and walk humbly into the week ahead.

We call to mind issues of injustice as broad as the globe. We pray for victims of armed violence and hate, particularly in Ukraine and Gaza. We pray that aid and mercy will get to those in need. That truth and justice will be sought by those in power and that through humility and reconciliation, these power struggles and wars will cease.

Holy Spirit of peace, bring peace where there is conflict in the world, in our country, in our homes and in our hearts.

Come Holy Spirit (Pause 10 Seconds)

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, revive us today, surprise our church with your power and presence. Melt our hardened hearts. In the storms of life when we feel lost, helpless and in despair, be our shelter, shield and refuge. In our weakness fill us with your power.

Heal the sick, speak words of faith and comfort to the grieving. Bind up broken hearts, grant us repentance. Pour out your gift of Grace and renew a right spirit in us in an all-consuming passion for Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit (Pause 10 Seconds)

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray (Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, ..