

Almighty God, who on this day  
didst open the way of eternal life  
to every race and nation  
by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit:  
Shed abroad this gift throughout the world  
by the preaching of the Gospel,  
that it may reach to the ends of the earth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth  
with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

( The Book of Common Prayer)

### And now a challenge:

Would you be prepared to submit an original prayer for  
the July issue by June 19th to be used with permission for  
personal prayer and worship only ? It could be on a  
Pentecost theme or perhaps a holiday theme or any other  
theme of your choice .



June 2017

*Focus on*

**Pentecost**

*Some prayers from older sources:*

O God the Holy Ghost  
Who art light unto thine elect  
Evermore enlighten us.  
Thou who art fire of love  
Evermore enkindle us.  
Thou who art Lord and Giver of Life,  
Evermore live in us.  
Thou who bestowest sevenfold grace,  
Evermore replenish us.  
As the wind is thy symbol,  
So forward our goings.  
As the dove, so launch us heavenwards.  
As water, so purify our spirits.  
As a cloud, so abate our temptations.  
As dew, so revive our languor.  
As fire, so purge our dross

Christina Rossetti (AD 1830-1894)

Lord Jesus, as God's Spirit came down and rested upon you,  
May the same Spirit rest on us,  
Bestowing his sevenfold gifts.  
First, grant us the gift of understanding,  
By which your precepts may enlighten our minds.  
Second, grant us counsel, by which we may follow  
in your footsteps on the path of righteousness.  
Third, grant us courage,  
by which we may ward off the enemy's attacks.  
Fourth, grant us knowledge,  
by which we can distinguish good from evil.  
Fifth, grant us piety,  
by which we may acquire compassionate hearts.  
Sixth, grant us fear,  
by which we may draw back from evil  
and submit to what is good.  
Seventh, grant us wisdom,  
that we may taste fully the life-giving sweetness of your  
love.

(Prayer of St. Bonaventure to the Holy Spirit)

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I  
may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into  
my soul that I may meditate. Inspire me to speak with  
piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy. Teach, guide and  
direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end. May  
your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be  
strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake  
of your infinite mercy. Amen.

by Saint Anthony of Padua

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit  
that my thoughts may all be holy;  
Act in me O Holy Spirit  
that my works, too, may be holy;  
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit  
that I love but what is holy;  
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit  
to defend that is holy;  
Guard me then O Holy Spirit  
that I always may be holy.

St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)