

This Sunday was Pentecost Sunday, when Christians celebrate the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit enabled them to do all that God had planned for them. They were very happy.

Today, if we ask God for his Holy Spirit, we too can experience what the disciples did all those years ago, so that we may accomplish the plans he has for our lives.

Dear Father,

Thank you for your Holy Spirit, who helps us carry out your plans and purposes. Help me to be happy with what you have given me and help me to share your love with others,

In Jesus' name, Amen You may like to read the Pentecost story for yourself...

When the day of Pentecost came, the Apostles were all together in one place. It was ten days after Jesus had gone back to heaven. Before he had left them, He had made a promise.

"The Holy Spirit will come to you. He will give you power to tell people about me."

For ten days, the Apostles and some other followers of Jesus had stayed together, praying and waiting. But now the great day had come! Suddenly, a noise like a strong wind filled the whole house and the followers saw something that looked like flames of fire, falling on each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages.

At that time Jerusalem was full of Jewish visitors from all over the world. They were all surprised, because each one of them heard the Apostles speaking in his own language.

They were completely amazed at this. They said, "Look! Aren't all these men that we hear speaking from Galilee?... But we hear these men telling in our own languages about the great things God has done!" But others made fun of the Apostles, saying, "They have drunk too much wine."

But Peter stood up with the eleven apostles. In a loud voice he spoke to the crowd: "Listen to me. Pay attention to what I have to say. These men are not drunk, as you think; it is only nine o'clock in the morning!"

Then Peter made a long speech, telling the crowds all about Jesus.

That day, about 3,000 people became followers of Jesus and were baptised. They spent the rest of their time in Jerusalem learning all about Jesus from the Apostles before returning home. And the Apostles continued to meet together to pray and to break bread.

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