



TEN DAYS OF PRAYERS  
FOR  
ASCENSION TO PENTECOST

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# THE STORY OF PENTECOST



After Jesus rose from the dead, many people saw him and he proved that he was alive! He stayed with his followers for forty days and talked to them about God's kingdom.





On the last day that he was with his disciples on earth, Jesus told his followers to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the gift the Father had promised. That gift was the Holy Spirit. Jesus told them that in a few days when the Holy Spirit came, they would receive power to be His witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea, and Samaria, and even all over the world.



The disciples did what Jesus told them to do. They went to Jerusalem. They went to an upstairs room where they were staying and they all joined together constantly in prayer, waiting for the gift of the Holy Spirit. When the day of Pentecost came, ten days later, they were there praying and waiting.



Get your Bible and read in Acts Chapter 2:1-13 what happened when the Holy Spirit came! It was the birthday of the Church. We call it Pentecost.

On the first Pentecost, that small group of Christ's followers all prayed together in one place. Because of the coming of the Holy Spirit, they became the witnesses Christ said they would be. Many people believed and joined them, and all through the ages, the Spirit has been at work through God's people to keep the message of Jesus alive.

So now, more than two centuries later, you can join with other Christians and pray for the Holy Spirit to be welcome and active in our lives, in the church and in the world. That's exciting!



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# HOW DO WE DO THAT?

1. Choose a special time of day beginning on Thursday, ten days before Pentecost when you can pray every day for the next ten days. Maybe you would like to pray with people in your family, or a friend.

2. Be quiet for a few minutes and ask God to help you to pray. Think about all the other people all over the world who will be praying like you.

3. Follow the prayer guide for each day. Reading the stories each day from the Book of Acts will show you what can happen when the Holy Spirit comes. It's surprising! You could keep a journal, writing down some of the ways you were inspired to pray, or thoughts God brought to mind about the bible reading. Ask God to help you hear his voice through the Holy Spirit.

**Will God do something because you pray?**

**Yes!**



# DAY 1 - THURSDAY ASCENSION DAY

*Being a witness for Jesus means showing and sometimes telling people that he is real. Jesus told his disciples the Holy Spirit would come and give them the power to do that.*

**READ ABOUT IT IN Acts 1: 1-9**

**PRAY FOR YOURSELF and YOUR FAMILY:**

Who are the people in your life who need to know that Jesus is alive? Pray for your own witness to them.

**PRAY FOR HIS CHURCH:**

- for God to help people in our church love him more- with all our hearts.
- that Christians from different churches will work together to obey him and show God's love to the world.

**AND FOR THE WORLD:**

- for Christ's kingdom to come to places where there are not many Christians. Who are the people you know who are at work in other parts of the world showing God's love as his witnesses? Pray for them to have the power of the Holy Spirit.

# DAY 2- FRIDAY

*The disciples knew to wait for God to show them what to do. They were praying constantly. See the amazing way God fulfilled an ancient promise to return and dwell with his people!*

**READ ABOUT IT IN Acts 1: 12-14 and ACTS 2: 1-13**

**PRAY FOR YOURSELF and YOUR FAMILY:**

Think of some promises God has made. Pray with new confidence today that God fulfills his promises. How do you long to see God show himself to you?

**PRAY FOR HIS CHURCH:**

- that Christian people will learn to pray and love to pray together with faith and assurance that God is working.

**AND FOR THE WORLD:**

- that world leaders and leaders in your community would come to know that they need God, and that they would pray for his help with their jobs.

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# DAY 3- SATURDAY

*To repent means not just to be sorry, but to change what's wrong. Peter gets up and preaches a sermon that helps 3,000 people to be sorry, and to make the most important change of their lives.*

## **READ ABOUT IT IN Acts 2: 36-41**

### **PRAY FOR YOURSELF and YOUR FAMILY:**

Tell God the things you are sorry for. Ask for the power of the Spirit to help you turn from any wrong things that hurt God, others and yourself.

### **PRAY FOR HIS CHURCH:**

Pray for the Spirit to be alive in your church helping God's people to make the changes in their lives that will make us witnesses to God's power.

### **AND FOR THE WORLD:**

- for Christians to show forgiveness to those who have hurt them, setting an example so that people who don't know Christ will turn away from their sins and follow Him. Can you think of places in the world now where Christians especially need to show forgiveness?

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# DAY 4- SUNDAY

*This is a church that people wanted to join! What was it like?*

**READ ABOUT IT IN Acts 2: 42-47**

**PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY:**

What about the early Christians described here particularly inspires you? Could you ask for the Holy Spirit's help to grow in becoming more generous, joy-filled, devoted to prayer and God's Word?

**PRAY FOR HIS CHURCH:**

- for families in your church to love each other well. ~  
for your church to be a welcoming place, full of joy and generosity
- for your church to grow.

**AND FOR THE WORLD:**

- for children who live in poverty, especially orphans
- for the 120 million children in the world who do not have access to an education.

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# DAY 5 - MONDAY

*A sick man asks for money. He gets something unexpected but far better.*

## **READ ABOUT IT IN Acts 3: 1-10**

### **PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY:**

- to have courage to pray boldly.

### **PRAY FOR HIS CHURCH:**

- for healing for people you know who are sick.
- for Christians who work to cure diseases and sickness. Who are the people you know?

### **AND FOR THE WORLD:**

- for the end of diseases that affect a lot of people in the world.
- for health care in poor countries: that people would not have to die from diseases that doctors already know how to treat. Do you know people who serve as medical missionaries?

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# DAY 6 - TUESDAY

*Peter used to be afraid to talk about Jesus, but not any more!*

## **READ ABOUT IT IN Acts 4: 1-21**

### **PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY:**

- to care most about what God thinks, and for the courage to obey him.

### **PRAY FOR HIS CHURCH:**

- for those who preach in your church and for preachers everywhere: that God will help them to love God's Word and to teach God's word well and with boldness.

### **AND FOR THE WORLD:**

- for the bible to be translated for the 3,000 people groups who are without even one verse in their language, so that they too can "hear the wonders of God declared in their own tongues."

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# DAY 7 - WEDNESDAY

*The disciples shared everything and lacked nothing.*

## **READ ABOUT IT IN Acts 4: 32-37**

### **PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY:**

What are some of the ways your family shares with people in need? Pray that God will help you truly believe that all you have comes from him.

- Pray for your family to be united in heart and mind.

### **PRAY FOR HIS CHURCH:**

- that God's people will be generous and willing to share what they have with people who need what they have.

### **AND FOR THE WORLD:**

- for people everywhere, especially children, who are hungry.
- for organizations such as Compassion, that work to help people who are living in poverty.
- for governments in all countries to be honest and help their people wherever they can.

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# DAY 8 - THURSDAY

*The disciples were not afraid to obey God even when it meant they got into big trouble.*

**READ ABOUT IT IN Acts 5: 12-24**

**PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY:**

- to be glad to tell others about Jesus.

**PRAY FOR HIS CHURCH:**

- for Christians who suffer because they love God. Ask God to give them strong faith and joy.
- for Christians who are free to remember those who are in chains for the gospel.

**AND FOR THE WORLD:**

- for government leaders who do not love God to learn to love him.

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# DAY 9 - FRIDAY

*A man named Cornelius invites Peter over to his house so he can hear what he has to say. There is a big surprise for everyone when Someone else shows up.*

**READ ABOUT IT IN Acts 10: 1-23; 44-48**

**PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY:**

Ask God to speak to you in whatever way he chooses. Pray that you will grow in hearing and understanding what he is saying to you even if it seems unusual. Might there be someone he wants you to speak to?

**PRAY FOR HIS CHURCH:**

- for God's Holy Spirit to be welcomed in our families and churches, giving new power so we can do all the things God wants us to.

**AND FOR THE WORLD:**

- for people in your school, and your community and our country to see that there is a God who loves them and is at work in the world.
- for walls of hostility that separate people to come down.

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# DAY 10 - SATURDAY

*What God promises, he will do.*

**READ ABOUT IT IN Acts 2: 17-21, 39**

**PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY:**

- to be disciples who are filled with the Holy Spirit
- for the Spirit to produce fruit in your lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness and self-control.

**PRAY FOR HIS CHURCH:**

- for the gifts of the Spirit to be poured out on the children of your church.
- for God's people of every age to serve the world he died for as we long for that great and glorious day when Jesus returns.

**AND FOR THE WORLD:**

- for justice and for peace in the world.
- for the knowledge of God and the joy of Christ's life through the Holy Spirit to be with every people group on earth. Come Holy Spirit!

**MEMORY VERSE: "FOR THE EARTH WILL BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA" HABAKKUK 2:14**

# Notes, Reflections or Answers to Prayer

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