

PRAYER FOR 10 MAY 2018 – 20 MAY 2018

Prayer is an exciting opportunity to join God's adventure. When God's people give themselves to sacrificial, intentional prayer, things happen. In the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby: "Never underestimate the power and influence that your prayers have on the world."

O Holy Spirit of God

Thank you for the signs of your presence throughout all time

When we feel overwhelmed as we witness the turmoil and chaos in the world,

 Come O Holy Spirit, as a flame of hope – that comes from the heart of God.

When we feel drained, with the things that suck our energy,

 Come O Holy Spirit, as a breath of life – that comes from the heart of God.

When we feel confused and bombarded, and the media shouts loudly,

 Come O Holy Spirit, as a still, quiet whisper – that comes from the heart of God.

When we feel desperate as we see pain and sickness in those we love,

 Come O Holy Spirit, as the oil of joy and healing – that comes from the heart of God.

When we feel disturbed by the brokenness in our communities,

 Come O Holy Spirit, as a dove of peace – that comes from the heart of God.

When we feel alone and abandoned in the desert of relationships,

 Come O Holy Spirit, as life-giving water – that comes from the heart of God.

When we feel afraid of what the future holds,

 Come O Holy Spirit, as tongues of fire, and fill us with joy – that comes from the heart of God.

Help us Lord, to see the signs of your presence in the world.

Help us Lord to be your presence in the world.

As we intentionally wait and listen to your gentle voice, may we shine your light, soothe the wounded, comfort the lonely, live your love as we bring peace, joy and hope to those around us; and as we pray for and witness to those you are yearning to come close to.

AMEN

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND/OR FAMILY DISCUSSION:

Thursday 10 May: Ascension Day

What makes you feel overwhelmed?

Friday 11 May

When do you feel most drained?

Saturday 12 May

What is the loudest message from the media – radio, TV, billboards, social media?

Sunday 13 May

Who do you know who needs prayer for healing?

Monday 14 May

What are the signs of brokenness in people's lives?

Tuesday 15 May

What do you do when you feel abandoned, left out, left behind?

Wednesday 16 May

What are you most afraid of?

Thursday 17 May

Where do you see the Holy Spirit present in the world?

Friday 18 May

How can you shine God's light in your context?

Saturday 19 May

How can you bring peace, hope and joy to those around you?

Sunday 18 May: Pentecost

Who do you want to pray for?