

PENTECOST PRAYER INITIATIVE 2024

In Acts, the disciples gathered together constantly in prayer for 10 days after the ascension of Jesus, culminating in Pentecost—the Holy Spirit was poured out, and the church was born! Their cry was a simple one “Come Holy Spirit.” .

As you pray, we encourage you to pray in two ways: Firstly, enjoy being with your loving God. Be still and know that He is God. And secondly, pray prayers of petition. We are asking God to revive His church and to rewire our culture so the lost will be reached. We are asking God to move in our nation in a fresh way.

PRAYER POINTS

Draw Near to God

Ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart to engage deeply with God. Ask for a new hunger!

Jeremiah 29:13 *“If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me”*

Psalms 42: *“As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God”*

Confession

Repent from living independently from God, being lukewarm or lacking holiness. “I ask for forgiveness, I humble myself, I seek Your face, and I turn from my sinful ways”

Psalms 51:10 *“Create in me a clean heart O Lord. Renew a loyal spirit within me.”*

Renewal

Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with the incomparably great power that God gives to us who believe. Ask Him to equip you to humbly carry more of His power in order to be His witness to the lost. Ask Him to breathe life into the parts that feel dormant and

lifeless. Invite the Holy Spirit to come like a wind to blow out the cobwebs in your heart and life. “Fill me with a love for You, a love for Your Church, and a love for the lost.”

2 Timothy 1:7 *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline”*

Breathe on Us

Ask God to breathe on us again! On His church again; for it to come alive! For a fresh outpouring of His Spirit. For the lost to sing again; for shouts of freedom to resound.

Ezekiel 37:5-6 *“This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.”*

Church Unity

Ask “May we be one as You are one and may we have the full measure of Your joy within us. Protect us and unite us by the power of Your Spirit.”

Ask that we would bear much fruit, showing ourselves to be God’s disciples. Knit our hearts together as we keep Jesus at centre of all we do. Increase our love for one another that we might be known as people of love. Help us to set aside our judgements and our agendas.

Psalm 133:1 *“How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony”*

Our City / Nation

Let's be asking God to revive His church and to rewire our culture so the lost will be reached and His kingdom advanced. Let's pray the ancient prayer, “Your kingdom come, Your will be done, here in Aotearoa New Zealand as it is in heaven”!

PSALM 51:1-2

“Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.

Do not banish me from your presence,
and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.”

EZEKIEL 37:4-6

Then he said to me, “Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, ‘Dry bones, listen to the word of the Lord!’

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again!

I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.”

PSALM 42:1-2

“As the deer longs for streams of water,
so I long for you, O God.

I thirst for God, the living God.
When can I go and stand before him?”

COLOSSIANS 3:14

“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.”

MATTHEW 7:7-8

“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 (b)

“So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.”