

The response for today, when I say **Come. Holy Spirit**, can you reply **fill the hearts of your faithful**

On this Pentecost Sunday, we remember the rushing wind and the tongues of fire that filled the upper room. We gather today as the Disciples gathered — in need, in hope, in prayer. Breathe Your Spirit into us again. Renew our hearts, ignite our faith, and awaken our love for You. May we walk in boldness, speak with grace, and serve with joy, so that the world may see Christ in us.

Come, Holy Spirit, **fill the hearts of your faithful.**

Come upon our families, our parishes here in Ashdon and Hadstock, the Saffron Walden Team, and each of our hearts. Come upon Your Church as You came upon that first gathering in Jerusalem—with power, joy, and the breath of new life. *Lord Jesus*, you prayed that we might be one, as You and the Father are one. On this day of Pentecost, unite Your Church across nations, languages, and traditions. Break down the barriers of pride, prejudice, and division, and fill us with Your Spirit of peace. We pray for our government and for the governments of the world, that they may seek peace and work together to find a way to end wars and poverty and to find peace in this trouble world.

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We pray, Lord, for our children as they begin their ½ term holiday this week, and for their schools, that the Holy Spirit may be present in all they do. May there be gentle listening in schools, families, and friendships. Teach us to offer forgiveness and bring harmony where there is discord. Help us to listen with compassion to the needs of those we know and love, and also to strangers, especially those who feel overlooked or marginalised.

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Today we rejoice not only in the gift of Your Spirit but also in the gift of marriage. As You poured out Your Spirit on the first believers, pour out Your Spirit now upon Charlotte and Dom, Jack and Bella who were married here yesterday. Fill their hearts with patience, kindness, and selfless love. Let their home be a place where Your presence dwells, where forgiveness flows freely, and where joy is renewed each morning.

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We pray for those who are sick in body or mind. Holy Spirit, Advocate and Comforter, be near to all who feel vulnerable, forgotten, or alone, especially those in hospital. Surround them with Your loving presence and bring them strength, peace, and hope.

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On this day, when the Spirit came in wind and fire and breathed new life into the Church, we remember before You all who have died. Comfort those who mourn with the assurance that nothing can separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus.

Holy Spirit of God, kindle in us the fire of your love and hear these prayers for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen