

PRIEST: On this day of Pentecost when the Church is filled with the power of God's Holy Spirit, united in Jesus we make our prayers to the Father:

READER: **For the Church: that all who follow Christ will allow the Holy Spirit to penetrate their lives more deeply.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For peace in our world: that the Holy Spirit will transform our world into a community of justice and peace.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all those who are preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion, that they will draw ever closer to Jesus.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For ourselves and for our own parish community: that we may always be open to the gifts of the Spirit and accept with joy the challenges which lie ahead.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or suffering, that the Holy Spirit will bring them strength, comfort and healing.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,
open our hearts to the gifts of your Spirit
that we may always walk in the light of your presence.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God for ever and ever.