



# Come, Holy Spirit!

## Ten days of Prayer before Pentecost

10-20 MAY 2018

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God poured out His Spirit in Pentecost power after His church spent ten days together, pleading for His promised blessing. He is ready to do it again today. We encourage you to pray *the 'Our Father' prayer* from Matthew 6:9-13 daily over the next 11 days until Pentecost.

**10 May 2018**

### **Day 1 - Our Father in Heaven (Matthew 6:9-13)**

*You have named every family in heaven and earth. Today as a nation, we bow our knees before You. Thank You for sending Your only Son, Jesus Christ. Through His death and resurrection, we can come into Your presence. Thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit, who has adopted us into Your family. Thank You that we can call You "Our Father". Thank You that, as Your adopted children, we have the same inheritance as Christ Jesus. May we know You as Jesus knows You. We love You because of You first loved us.*

**11 May 2018**

### **Day 2 - Hallowed be Your name (Matthew 6:9-13)**

*Holy Father, may You be truly worshipped throughout this nation. Today, we declare that You are the one and only true God. Your nature is one of mercy and forgiveness, as displayed in Christ Jesus. You are unique, and there is nothing in all creation that compares with You. We pray that, through our love for You and our neighbours, we might reveal Your compassion to all people in our nation. May You be honoured and adored, and may people serve You with reverent obedience.*

**12 May 2018**

### **Day 3 - May Your kingdom come (Matthew 6:9-13)**

*Christ Jesus, You came to establish Your kingdom here on earth. You healed the sick, fed the hungry and liberated the demon-possessed. Thank You that, as we are born again of Your Spirit, we enter Your kingdom. Today, we repent of our selfish and self-centred lifestyles. Today, Jesus, we invite You into our hearts. May we experience Your power of forgiveness and freedom from sin. Today, we dedicate ourselves to live as You intended. Today, we commit ourselves to share Your good news. We pray also for our friends and neighbours. Jesus, through our obedience, may we become more like You. Establish Your kingdom throughout our nation.*

13 May 2018

**Day 4 - Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:9-13)**

*Father of creation, You warned that only those who obey You will enter Your kingdom. Today, we lay down our agendas and plans. May we experience Your good, pleasing and perfect will for our lives and in our communities. As Your servants, we present ourselves to You afresh. It is no longer our desire to conform to the world's standards. We invite You to transform our attitudes, habits and lifestyles. Please fulfil Your purpose that everyone in our nation recognises Your forgiveness offered to us through Christ.*

14 May 2018

**Day 5 - Give us this day our daily bread (Matthew 6:9-13)**

*Father, you are our Provider. You have blessed our nation with mineral and agricultural wealth. Yet many are destitute and live in poverty. You promised that from Your abundant storehouse, You will provide for all our needs. We petition You, please answer the pleas of the poor. The unemployed, the homeless and the starving cry out for Your help. Millions suffer from HIV/AIDS, and many are orphaned. Please display Your mercy and respond to their cries for help.*

15 May 2018

**Day 6 - And forgive us our debts (Matthew 6:9-13)**

*Father of mercy, thank You that we can approach You through Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that we have rebelled against Your commands and statutes. We confess that we have worshipped idols and tried to appease the spirits of the dead. We gave ourselves to sexual sins, we have not remained faithful to our marriage partners and we have not taught our young to live in sexual purity. We have allowed hatred and revenge to breed in our hearts. For generations the people of all ethnic groups have suffered through violence and bloodshed. We have defrauded our neighbours through broken promises and unjust laws. We humble ourselves and ask that every consequence of our sin and rebellion will be removed.*

16 May 2018

**Day 7 - As we forgive our debtors (Matthew 6:9-13)**

*Compassionate Father, today we choose to follow Christ's example. We choose to love our enemies. For hundreds of years, people have been wounded through slavery, violence, oppression and war. Today, we choose to forgive all who have wronged us. We choose to forgive leaders, tribes and nations that have oppressed us. We forgive those who have used the wealth of our nation to enrich themselves. We forgive our ancestors for their sins, which still have an effect on our generation. Lord Jesus, only You can bring healing to our nation. Please heal our people from revenge, bitterness and despair. Please move across our nation with Your spirit of unconditional forgiveness.*

17 May 2018

**Day 8 - Do not lead us into temptation (Matthew 6:9-13)**

*Righteous Father, today we choose to draw close to You. Across our nation, we surrender ourselves to You and want to live for You. Thank You for the authority we have in Christ to resist the devil. Please help us to overcome the many temptations of the world. May we always be quick to respond to the caution of Your Spirit. Grant us Your victory through this life so that we may receive the crown of life.*

18 May 2018

**Day 9 - Deliver us from the evil one (Matthew 6:9-13)**

*Almighty Father, today we proclaim: Our nation will no longer be a nation ravaged by sin and death. Satan will no longer have jurisdiction over the people or our land. All the ethnic groups and foreigners in our nation will bring You renown, praise and honour before the nations on earth.*

19 May 2018

**Day 10 - For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

**Amen. (Matthew 6:9-13).**

*All-powerful Father, we ask that You visit our nation. Establish Your powerful and glorious presence in our communities. May the nation experience Your healing, Your mercy, Your love and Your compassion. May every person in this nation acknowledge Jesus Christ as their supreme authority and ruler. We now proclaim over the people of our country: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace". Amen*

20 May 2018

**Pentecost: Outpouring of the Holy Spirit**

Pray, as at so many thousands of times in the history of the church, that God the Father would pour out His Spirit afresh on the church. (Acts 4:31; 8:15-16; 10:44; 11:15). It was in such times of spiritual revival that God changed countries and nations completely. Read the Scripture portions. Ask the Holy Spirit to talk to you. Ask God to make your heart to burn anew to pray fervently for the powerful working of His Spirit in our country.