



TAKING FAITH home

24 May 2015
PENTECOST SUNDAY B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:
God sends his Holy Spirit to make us new.

mealtime prayer

We look to you, O God. You give us food when we need it. You open your hands and satisfy us with good things. Praise the Lord!
PSALM 104:27-28

verse for the week

"My Spirit will give you breath, and you will live again. I will bring you home, and you will know that I have kept my promise. I, the Lord, have spoken."
EZEKIEL 37:14

blessing

May God give you his Holy Spirit so that you believe in Jesus and live for what is right. Amen.
JOHN 16:8-10

FAITH 5



share your highs and lows of the day or discuss some of the questions from the **FOURKEYS** Faith Talk.



read and highlight a passage of scripture in your Bible. These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit is given
Monday	Ezekiel 36:22-28	I will put my Spirit in you
Tuesday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Dry bones alive with God's Spirit
Wednesday	Joel 2:21-29	God's Spirit poured out
Thursday	John 7:37-39	The living water of the Spirit
Friday	1 Corinthians 12:4-27	Many gifts, one Spirit
Saturday	Psalms 143	May your Spirit lead me
Sunday	John 3:1-17	Born of the Spirit



talk about how the Bible passage relates to your highs and lows or discuss some of the ideas in **FOURKEYS** Devotional Practices.



pray for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.



bless one another using this week's blessing or make up your own.

FOUR KEYS

for the Home



1. Faith Talk

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about an experience you have had with wind or fire.
- Pentecost was an ancient Hebrew celebration of the yearly harvest (Deuteronomy 16:9-10). During this festival, God gave the Holy Spirit to the first followers of Jesus. If you had been amongst Jesus' followers on that day, what do you think you would have seen and heard and felt?
- In what ways has the Holy Spirit been at work in your life? What signs of the Spirit's work have you seen, heard or experienced for yourself?



2. Devotional Practices

The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit is our helper in prayer (Romans 8:26-27). The Spirit brings our needs and concerns before our Heavenly Father, even when we are not sure what or how to pray. Share together in a time of Pentecost prayer. Darken a room and place a burning candle in a large metal bowl. Invite each person to write their worries, needs or prayer requests onto pieces of paper. Then ask them to place their slips of paper into the flame and the bowl as an act of prayer in the Holy Spirit.



3. Service

Pentecost reminds us that the world is full of many different language groups. God wants the good news of Jesus to be taken to all these different cultures and groupings. This relies on the work of Bible translators, and organizations such as the *Bible Society* and *Wycliffe Bible Translators*. Find out how you can support their work. Include them in your household prayers this week.



4. Rituals and Traditions

Cut flame shapes of various sizes from red construction paper. Overlap the flames and form them into a circle, using a stapler to attach them to one another. Use these flames of the Spirit as the centrepiece of your meal table this week. When you gather around it, share with one another about how you have experienced the Holy Spirit at work during the day.

