

Christian Prayer: May

Come Holy Spirit

Pentecost is often celebrated during May but, if Easter is late, it may be celebrated as late as June 13th.

So if you use this prayer, during May you may be praying it in anticipation of the feast of Pentecost which is the last day of Easter, or in the wake of that great feast.

Either way it is good for us to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit and on us, on the Church and the whole world.

Often when this prayer is prayed in a group, the leader speaks all of the prayer apart from 'And you shall renew the face of the earth,' and the final Amen, which are spoken by the rest of the group.

In a classroom setting half the class might say the first verse, the other half the second and all - or alternatively a single reader - the final prayer. In other words, there are other ways of doing it than what is usual elsewhere!

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God,
to whom every heart is open
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the help of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
faithfully serve you,
and worthily praise your Holy name.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

