

Day 25: Fire

Acts 2:3

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

DAY 25 MORNING PRAYER:

Psalm 34

I will extol Yahweh all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

¹ I will extol the LORD at all times;

his praise will always be on my lips.

² I will glory in the LORD;

let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

³ Glorify the LORD with me;

let us exalt his name together.

I will extol Yahweh all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me;

he delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;

their faces are never covered with shame.

 6 This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;

he saved him out of all his troubles.

I will extol Yahweh all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good;

blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

I will extol Yahweh all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

⁹ Fear the LORD, you his holy people,

for those who fear him lack nothing.

¹⁰ The lions may grow weak and hungry,

but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

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MEDIATION

YOU CARRY ME WITH YOU WHEVERE YOU GO, HEART OF MY LONGING. Today verse is from the account at Pentecost. Tongues of fire came to rest on all who gathered in the upper room that day. You must admit that it must have been a strange site as well as powerful thing to behold when the fire fell. I love doing signs and wonders to show others that I am real, and I am in their midst. Though, the truth be told, many people would rather I keep My distance. As you know, I delight in being with you. I am The God Who Can't Stay Away. I love that title. Why am I bringing this up? Because in the Old Testament, many times when I was with My people I came as a fire. The fire signified that I was with My people. Moses had the burning bush; at night a pillar of fire led the Israelites through the desert; fire fell on the sacrifice when Solomon built My Temple; I am known as a consuming fire; and, the first thing I created was light, fire, which said that I am present in all My creation. Fire is a sign that I am present.

Wherever you go, you carry My presence, My fire is with and in you. At your baptism a candle was given to you to be kept burning brightly until the return of Jesus. In your heart you carry that fire with you wherever you go. My presence goes with you to reach out to others. My fire can warm them in My love, if you allow it to heat through you; My fire can lead them in their confusion if you allow Me to shine through you; My fire will expose lies that are hidden in darkness and bring forth truth to light their path if you allow Me to illuminate through you. You carry My presence to those who do not know where to look for Me and to those who are not even aware to look for Me. Ask that My presence with you becomes so apparent that none can deny that when you are with them that I am with them. For a moment, right now, stop and realize that you carry My presence. Imagine the possibilities when I am there. Imagine at your work, Me giving you what is needed for the next step in the business's development. Imagine Me with you when there is something to be designed or created. Now, that is up my alley. Wherever you go I am there to bring creative solutions that others will see as genius. All you have to do, wherever you go and whatever you are involved in is to ask Me for help and I will show you. I am the Creator of creation, and what I do has the reputation of being really good. Get ready for us to do some amazing things together and help some people who are waiting for you to show up.

<u>IOURNAL EXERCISE:</u>

Have you ever been in a situation or with a person and you know that you are carrying Him with you into that situation or to that person? Tell the story:

Have you ever Thought of the Holy Spirit being with you to help in needs that you face when you out and about in life? When you look at your life, in what areas do you think that the two of you can be of help?
Write a prayer inviting the Holy Spirit inviting Him to come with you into daily life to help others by Him being present through you:
<u>Spiritual Exercise</u> Throughout the day make it your constant aim to pray the Declaration for the Day.
Try to memorize the scripture for today.
With whom can you share today's experience with the Holy Spirit?

DECLARATION FOR DAY 25:

Throughout the day come back to this prayer and pray it from your heart.

I am getting better and better at inviting the Holy Spirit to be a part of every part of my life.



DAY 25 EVENING PRAYER:

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Holy Spirit Rosary

This prayer uses a regular rosary. If you do not have one, do not worry. The heart of the rosary are ten prayers in a row. The Father made you with ten fingers. Just use your fingers if you do not have a rosary. I invite you to get one, Though.

- 1. Kiss the crucifix, making the sign of the cross.
- 2. Say this prayer while holding the crucifix:

Glory to You, Who hast shown forth the light.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.
We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.
O Lord and King, heavenly God, Father Almighty;

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit.

O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us,
You that takest away the sins of the world.
Accept our prayer, You that sittest on the right hand of the Father,
and have mercy upon us.
For You only art Holy;
You only art Lord, Jesus Christ,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day will I bless You and will I praise Your Name forever and ever.

Strengthen us, O Lord, this day to be kept sinless.

Blessed art You, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. Amen.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we trust on You.
Blessed art You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.
O Lord, You hast been a refuge for us from generation to generation.
I said, Lord have mercy upon me;

heal my soul,
for I have sinned against You.
O Lord, to You have I fled;
teach me to do Your will,
for You art my God.
For with You is the fountain of life;
in Your light we shall see light.
Extend Your mercy unto them that know You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy upon us. [3 times]

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and forever, and from all ages to all ages. Amen.

3. Next is a single bead. On this bead pray the Our Father:

Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Your name;
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

4. Now there are three beads on a row. On those beads pray:

1st Bead

Holy Spirit, be praised and adored for you are God from God, true God from true God, consubstantial with the Father and the Son.

2nd Bead

Holy Spirit, be praised and glorified for you are the Lord and Giver of Life with the Father and the Son.

3rd Bead

Holy Spirit, be praised and adored for you are the Sanctifier, making us like you and the Father and the Son.

5. You come to another single bead. As you move through the ring of the rosary there will be five single beads. When you come to these single beads, pray:

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, who art in all places and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and giver of life: come and dwell in us, cleanse us from every stain,

and save our souls, O gracious Lord.

6. On all sections where there are ten beads (known as a decade)

lst decade, pray

Come Holy Spirit, fill and renew me.

2nd decade, pray

Come, Holy Spirit, fill and renew my family.

3rd decade, pray

Come, Holy Spirit, fill and renew your Church.

4th decade, pray

Come, Holy Spirit, fill and renew all people.

5th decade, pray

Come, Holy Spirit, fill and renew all creation.

7. At the end of the Holy Spirit Rosary, pray three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. End by kissing the crucifix, blessing yourself with the sign of the cross.

REVIEW OF DAY:

What sticks out to you from today's encounter with the Holy Spirit?

How do you think today's encounter with the Holy Spirit will affect your life?

With whom did you share today's encounter? How did they respond?

Prayer of St Augustine to the Holy Spirit

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my Thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.

Further Thoughts: