

DAY 47: TOGETHER

Acts 2:1

When the day of Pentecost came,
they were all together in one place.

DAY 46 MORNING PRAYER

Psalm 139

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

¹ You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.

² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"

¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts,^[a] God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

¹⁹ If only you, God, would slay the wicked!
Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!

²⁰ They speak of you with evil intent;
your adversaries misuse your name.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, LORD,
and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?

²² I have nothing but hatred for them;
I count them my enemies.

²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

**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.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

MEDITATION

MY WAY OF LOVE IS FOR YOU TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE YOUR

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, HEART OF MY LONGING. The Day is almost upon us, My Friend. Three days from now I will illumine your heart with more of My love. I am so grateful that we have spent this time together. Presence to the other is one of the languages of love. See your prayer time as our quality time. Being together, sharing life is at the heart and essence of our life as the Trinity. Because we are love, the Father, the Son, and Myself are always together. We love and enjoy being together. In our togetherness we give life to each other, One pouring One's Self into the Other, the Other pouring themselves into the Other. This is the Way of Love. We are never alone or separate. Our is the mutual love of a family. We stand in admiration and adoration of the Other. If you will ask to hear our conversations, you will hear how we always express our amazement of the Other as we speak. We want you to share in our Divine life. We want you to partake in all that We have made available to you. We invite you into a life together with other brothers and sisters, in this way, sharing in our life.

Have I not said that it is not good for man to be alone? You need others, My Friend. Be convinced that you are a member of the Body of Christ, one part, like in your body, needing the other. You need them when you worship Me. You need them so you can share with them your joys and your sorrows. You need them to grow in knowledge of Me. You need your other brothers and sisters of your Father. Do not see being with others of the Household of Faith as a nicety that you can choose or not choose. No, see it for what it is, a necessity. You have been chosen for others. I have set you within My family and given you to others. We have a personal relationship, but it is not a private relationship. Seek out your brothers and sisters. Make it a priority to plan times to me together, and to have no planned times. Have times that are structured such as worship, study, prayer, but also have times when you are just together, sharing life, sharing a meal, helping with the simplest of needs. When the world sees how you love one another, they will be drawn to your life, which allows them to be drawn to us. Have I not taught that the purpose of life is to know, to love, and to serve God that you might be happy with Him in this life and the next? This is the Way of Love. You can only love Me if you know Me, and once you love Me you will want to serve me. This Way of Love is not only meant for your relationship with Me. It is also how you are to love one another. You can only love if you know others. Once you love others you will want to serve them. This will draw you forth into the great vulnerability of trust, and it is a practical way for you to learn how to trust, training you to trust Me more and more. These are the ones with whom you take the risk, lying open your life, knowing you will be loved. These are the ones with whom you can share your struggles and they will be with you, carrying your burdens, even your tears because they love you. These are the ones with whom you can rejoice and celebrate My goodness. Hear Me, Beloved, find brothers and sisters to whom you commit your life and they to you committing their life, sharing a life together in Me.

JOURNAL EXERCISE

What do you think and feel about the importance of sharing a committed life together with other believers?

Do you have brothers and sisters with whom you gather to pray, study, and serve?
Who are they or whop could they be?

Write a prayer to the Holy Spirit asking for the grace to see more clearly the importance of being together with other believers:

Spiritual Exercise

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 46:

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

I am preparing and opening my heart
to receive the grace of the Baptism of the
Holy Spirit in 3 Days.



DAY 44 EVENING PRAYER:

Acts 2:1

When the day of Pentecost came,
they were all together in one place.

Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses -

the Glorious Theotokos, the God Bearer, the Mother of God;

with the Seraphim and Cherubim;

with Thrones, Dominions, Virtues and Powers;

with Archangels, Principalities, and Guardian

Angels;

and all the Saints.

I offer myself, spirit, soul, and body to You,
Eternal Spirit, Lover of My Soul.

I adore the brightness of Your purity,
the unerring keenness of Your justice,
and the might of Your love.

You are the Strength and Light of my all I am.
In You I live, and move, and have my being.
I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to Your grace
and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You.
Merciful Spirit of Truth,
guard my every Thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light,
listening to Your voice,
following Your gracious inspirations.

I cling to Your covenant and give to You,
myself,

completely,

without reserve,

Love of my love,

Life within my life.

I ask You in Your infinite compassion to watch over me for I am weak and small.

I need Your help, Holy Spirit.

Gazing with love and gratitude upon the Cross,
holding the pierced feet of Jesus,
looking at his five wounds,

trusting in his precious blood,
and adoring his open side and pierced heart,
I implore You,
Spirit of Oblation,
You who are worthy of my adoration,
Helper of in my infirmity,
to keep me in Your Divine Life of sanctifying grace that I may never sin against
You ever again.

Holy Spirit, Triune God,
Spirit of the Father and the Son,
help me to pray to You in all situations,
“Speak Lord for your servant is listening,”
that I might always know and do the Father’s will in all things and at all times.
In Jesus name.
Amen.

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?

Come, Holy Spirit

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.
Oh God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit
instructed the hearts of the faithful,
grant, that by the same Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Further Thoughts: