

Prayer Focus 20th May 2018

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. Acts 2:1

Lord, you challenge us with Pentecost.
as we celebrate once again the memory of that first Pentecost,
may it be for us as it was then a moment of empowerment,
an awareness of your Glory in this dark world, a life changing experience.

We light a candle, and enjoy the flickering light, the fragrance and warmth it creates.

But without the spark that ignites, there will be no flame.

Without the wax, the source of power, the wick will not burn.

Without the flame, there will be no fragrance, no warmth, no light.

And so with us, Lord.

You are the catalyst that ignites us, and the fuel that sustains us.

You fill us with your fragrance as you enter our lives.

You empower us to carry your flame in our hearts, to be the fragrance, warmth,
and light of your love, in this dark world.

God, make your presence known in our lives, through our worship
our prayer, the reading of your Word.

Father, Son, Holy Spirit, within whose unity lies perfect love, justice, peace, and power.

As your body, your church throughout this world, fill our outstretched hearts
with your spirit, encircle us with your love.

Make yourself known to us in new ways, exciting ways, challenging ways.

Empower us, Inspire us, Glorious Trinity!

Family Prayer News: please pray for Shelia Taylor now at home, also for Margaret Dalton's son Mark.
Pray for Sue Schilling & family following the death of her mum Shelia.

Street of the Week: Hillsea Road

Pray for Christians in Indonesia where three churches in Indonesia have been attacked in suicide bombings that have been claimed by the self-proclaimed Islamic State, killing at least 13 people and injuring dozens of others. According to police, the suicide bombers were all members of the same family; a mother and her two daughters, aged nine and 12, detonated their bombs in one church, while the father and two sons, aged 16 and 18, targeted two other churches.

Pray for those who are exploiting and indoctrinating children and vulnerable adults into committing acts of terrorism.

Ramadan has just begun. For Muslims, this means fasting during daylight hours and devoting time to pray and seek God. Pray for encounters with Jesus.