

## **Prayer Guide: Preparing for Pentecost**

### **From Jesus' resurrection to Pentecost: 50 days**

#### **I. The first 40 days: from Jesus' resurrection to ascension**

In the 40 days following the day Jesus resurrected from the tomb, He prepared the disciples for Pentecost with a Bible study that is described in Luke 24 and Acts 1:

Acts 1:3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Luke 24:45–49

<sup>45</sup>Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

<sup>46</sup>And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

<sup>47</sup>And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

<sup>48</sup>And ye are witnesses of these things.

<sup>49</sup>And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 1:4–5

<sup>4</sup>And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

<sup>5</sup>For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

## II. **The final 10 days: from Jesus' ascension until Pentecost:**

Obedying Jesus' instructions, the apostles and other believers, numbering about 120, went to Jerusalem to wait to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. In the 10 days that remained until Pentecost, they assembled and continued together in an upper room to pray:

Acts 1:12–15

<sup>12</sup>Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

<sup>13</sup>And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

<sup>14</sup>These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

<sup>15</sup>And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

## III. **Prophecies about the Day of Pentecost**

- **Jeremiah and the "new covenant"**

Jeremiah 31:31–33

<sup>31</sup>Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, That I will make a new covenant With the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

<sup>32</sup>Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers In the day that I took them by the hand To bring them out of the land of Egypt; Which my covenant they brake, Although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord:

<sup>33</sup>But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, And write it in their hearts; And will be their God, And they shall be my people.

- **Ezekiel and the "new heart"**

Ezekiel 36:26–27

<sup>26</sup>A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

<sup>27</sup>And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

- **Joel and pouring out of the Spirit on “all flesh”**

Joel 2:28–29

<sup>28</sup>And it shall come to pass afterward, That I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions:

<sup>29</sup>And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids In those days will I pour out my spirit.

#### **IV. Promises fulfilled on Pentecost**

Acts 2:1–4

<sup>1</sup>And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

<sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

<sup>3</sup>And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

<sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:12–18

<sup>12</sup>And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

<sup>13</sup>Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

<sup>15</sup>For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

<sup>16</sup>But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

<sup>17</sup>And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

<sup>18</sup>And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

The Promise is still for us:

Acts 2:38–39

<sup>38</sup>Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

<sup>39</sup>For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.