

They waited. And they prayed. And they waited more for Jesus' promise that they would receive power from the Holy Spirit.

For ten days, men and women gathered and prayed. Scripture records that 120 people filled the room—a packed house! And then, on Pentecost, the fire and wind of the Holy Spirit blew through the room. They experienced a new filling of the Spirit—exactly what Jesus had promised. And they went from that place with boldness and passion to share the great news about Jesus.

But opposition arose. Persecution broke out. Threats of silence pushed back against their joy. It was a defining moment for this new church. And so, they returned to the place of prayer and crying out to God.

And the response?

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly (Acts 4:31).

Once again, they were refreshed with the power of the Spirit—and they never looked back! They moved out again with boldness to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Let's pray for that same refreshing of the Church today!

1 Pray that the Church will gather in the greatest prayer movement yet in our nation and around the world, crying out in unity for the Spirit to move in power and boldness of gospel proclamation (Acts 4:31).

2 Ask for the same courage of Peter and John when they declared, "As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Pray that no threats or intimidation will stop you from speaking of Jesus (Acts 4:20).

3 Pray as the early believers did when faced with opposition: "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them." Declare your belief in the power of God to rule over all creation and care for His people (Acts 4:24).

4 When the early Church needed refreshing from the Spirit, they prayed with faith: "Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." Pray that the Church today proclaims such faith-filled prayers that change a generation (Acts 4:30).

5 When the Spirit is at work, believers are of one heart and mind without selfish claim to personal possessions. Pray for refreshing of unity and compassion that brings even greater joy and love to your church (Acts 4:32).

6 Refreshed by the Spirit, "with great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." Pray that your church will have renewed

passion to declare Jesus to your community (Acts 4:33a).

7 Invite God's grace to be "powerfully at work" in your family and loved ones. Pray that they will marvel at God's mercy and embrace His gift of salvation in Christ alone (Acts 4:33b).

8 Today is Pentecost Sunday. Pray for another great awakening in our nation—a move of God's Spirit that transforms the Church and empowers believers to live in the fullness of God's purposes (Acts 2:1).

9 When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, it was a powerful manifestation—like "the blowing of a violent wind." Pray that your church is refreshed by the Spirit with such power that people will joyously yield to the work of the Spirit in their lives (Acts 2:2).

10 When the Spirit came at Pentecost and the people began speaking in other languages, "a crowd came together in bewilderment." Pray that people will be drawn to Jesus because of God's powerful presence at work through your church (Acts 2:6).

11 When Peter testified to the crowd at Pentecost that Jesus is truly "both Lord and Messiah," the people were cut to the heart. They asked, "What shall we do?" Pray that the Spirit penetrates hearts with renewed desire to know Jesus (Acts 2:36-37).

12 Peter declared, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the

forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Pray for a renewed, Spirit-led movement of repentance in your church (Acts 2:38).

13 Repentance brings refreshing and healing. Pray that believers will respond to the Lord's invitation: "Come back to me, and I will heal your wayward hearts." Pray for renewed devotion to Christ (Jeremiah 3:22, NLT).

14 A refreshed church is a repentant church. Pray for believers to embrace the exhortation to "Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces, but he will heal us" (Hosea 6:1).

15 When we repent and return to the Lord, He promises to "revive us" and "restore us, that we may live in his presence." Pray for the Church in our nation to be refreshed through humble hearts that seek the Lord (Hosea 6:2).

16 When we "press on to acknowledge" the Lord, "he will come like winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." Pray for refreshing, reviving rains to fall upon His Church as we seek Him (Hosea 6:3).

17 Pray that believers are refreshed by the Spirit to pray with expectation that the Lord is "doing a new thing" by "making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Pray for renewed vision to see our nation awakened and transformed (Isaiah 43:19).

18 Pray for refreshed vision in our churches and a renewed confidence to declare, "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down." Pray for increased hope for another great awakening in our day (Isaiah 64:1).

19 Pray that believers will reject any complacency that fuels unbelief, and instead pray with a refreshed vision that God will do "awesome things that we did not expect" in our day (Isaiah 64:3).

20 Pray that your church will be reminded that the God of ancient days is our same God today "who acts on behalf of those who wait for him." Ask the Spirit to instill fresh, faith-filled prayers that breathe new life into your church (Isaiah 64:4).

21 Pray for your pastor to be refreshed with vision and Spirit-led power in preaching so that "the unfolding of [God's Word] gives light; it gives understanding to the simple" (Psalm 119:130).

22 Ask God to renew pastors and their calling to "give [themselves] fully to the work of the Lord." Pray that they will not feel like they labor in vain but will see the work of the Spirit in their churches (1 Corinthians 15:58).

23 Pray that your pastor will teach with wisdom and lead people to maturity in Christ. May this be your pastor's prayer: "To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me" (Colossians 1:28-29).

24 Pastors experience many spiritual challenges and discouragement in today's culture. Pray for pastors to be refreshed so that they do "not become weary in doing good," reaping a harvest in proper time because they did not give up (Galatians 6:9).

25 Pray that you will be refreshed with the reminder that the Lord's "compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is [His] faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

26 Acknowledge that your only hope is in the Lord because "he refreshes [your] soul" and "guides [you] along the right paths for his name's sake." Pray for the Spirit to renew your heart and your vision for your future (Psalm 23:3).

27 Pray that the Church in our nation will "not lose heart" but will be "renewed day by day." Although culture may push against biblical truths, pray that God's people will grow stronger each day in the Spirit (2 Corinthians 4:16).

28 Pray that followers of Jesus will know that any troubles of the day are momentary, and that the Spirit will revive them toward "an eternal glory that far outweighs" any struggles. Pray for renewed faith and hope to trust God in all things (2 Corinthians 4:17).

29 Pray that the Church will not be consumed by what is seen in the natural but instead revived in the Spirit to see what is unseen and eternal. Pray that God's people will embrace the unknown with confidence in the Spirit's power (2 Corinthians 4:18).

30 Pray that the Spirit will refresh the hearts of God's people to be filled with great joy and encouragement in taking the gospel to the lost. Pray that this refreshing is the start of another spiritual awakening in our day (Philemon 1:7).