

# JUNE 2025

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## **Creation Care and Pentecost: First fruits of reconciliation**

At the heart of this month's readings, particularly for missionary types, stands the beauty of Pentecost. Jews gathered in Jerusalem at Pentecost to celebrate God's faithfulness in the harvest and in the giving of the Torah of Moses. During this festival fifty days after Jesus' death and resurrection, God gave the Holy Spirit, and the harvest of the New Creation began. In a reversal of Babel, people from many nations gathered in Jerusalem, heard the good news, responded, and were reconciled to God, receiving his spirit. They in turn were scattered back into the world like gospel seeds from the Sower's hand. When God creates humans in Genesis 2, he breathes his own breath of life into them. The wind of Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit, is the sustaining breath of life for the New Creation. Think of the moment in John 20:19-23 where Jesus breathes on his disciples and tells them to "receive the Holy Spirit" as he sends them out as ministers of reconciliation. All of Creation groans waiting for the children of God to be revealed. As we grow into our roles of God's children and heirs, as ambassadors of God's reconciliation, may our physical breathing remind us of our dependence on the Holy Spirit for life and work in the New Creation.

## **PRAYER FOR JUNE:**

Synergizing our breathing with our praying helps us focus and calmly engage our whole self in prayer. Breath prayers are short phrases, ideally scripture verses, where the first part is prayed as we inhale and the second part is prayed as we exhale—usually for several repetitions/minutes. The "Jesus Prayer" distilled from Psalm 51 and Luke 18:13 is a good example. As one breathes in, one prays, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God." As one breathes out, one prays, "Have mercy on me, a sinner." In a similar way, when the brokenness of this world or anger takes our breath away, let us breathe and repeat this or another verse of scripture to ground us in God's presence as we pray. Feel free to use a scripture verse that particularly speaks to you.

## **PRAYER PRACTICE:**

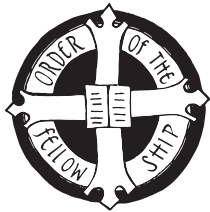
**A two part breath prayer from Psalm 104:30**

**Inhale:** When You send Your Spirit... **Exhale:** They are created.

**Inhale:** You renew... **Exhale:** The face of the earth.

## **FASTING PRACTICE:**

An incredible amount of food is wasted every day. Let's do a pre-emptive fast this month by consciously buying and preparing less food than usual and making sure we waste as little as possible.



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## WEEK 1

JUN 1-7

### SUNDAY

*Easter 7*

- Acts 16:16-34
- Psalm 97
- Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
- John 17:20-26

### MONDAY

- Psalm 29
- Exodus 40:16-38
- Acts 16:35-40

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 29
- 2 Chronicles 5:2-14
- Acts 26:19-29

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 29
- Ezekiel 3:12-21
- Luke 9:18-27

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Isaiah 32:11-17
- Gal 5:16-25

### FRIDAY

- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Isaiah 44:1-4
- Gal 6:7-10

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- 2 Kings 2:1-15a
- Luke 1:5-17

## WEEK 2

JUN 8-14

### SUNDAY

*Pentecost*

- Gen 11:1-9
- Ps 104:24-34, 35b
- Romans 8:14-17
- John 14:8-17

### MONDAY

- Psalm 48
- Joel 2:18-29
- 1 Cor 2:1-11

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 48
- Ezekiel 11:14-25
- 1 Cor 2:12-16

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 48
- Numbers 24:1-14
- Luke 1:26-38

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 8
- Proverbs 3:13-18
- Ephesians 1:17-19

### FRIDAY

- Psalm 8
- Proverbs 3:19-26
- Ephesians 4:1-6

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 8
- Proverbs 4:1-9
- Luke 2:41-52

## WEEK 3

JUN 15-21

### SUNDAY

- Prov 8:1-4, 22-3
- Psalm 8
- Romans 5:1-5
- John 16:12-15

### MONDAY

- Psalm 124
- Proverbs 7:1-4
- Ephesians 4:7-16

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 124
- Proverbs 8:4-21
- Ephesians 5:15-20

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 124
- Daniel 1:1-21
- Luke 1:46b-55

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 42 & 43
- Genesis 24:1-21
- Romans 2:17-29

### FRIDAY

- Psalm 42 & 43
- Job 6:14-30
- Gal 3:15-22

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 42
- Proverbs 11:3-13
- Matthew 9:27-34

## WEEK 4

JUN 22-28

### SUNDAY

- Isaiah 65:1-9
- Psalm 22:19-28
- Gal 3:23-29
- Luke 8:26-39

### MONDAY

- Psalm 59
- 2 Kings 9:1-13
- 1 Cor 1:18-31

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 59
- 2 Kings 9:14-26
- Ephesians 2:11-22

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 59
- 2 Kings 9:30-37
- Luke 9:37-43a

### THURSDAY

- Ps 77:1-2, 11-20
- 1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53
- 2 Cor 13:5-10

### FRIDAY

- Ps 77:1-2, 11-20
- 2 Kings 1:1-12
- Gal 4:8-20

### SATURDAY

- Ps 77:1-2, 11-20
- 2 Kings 1:13-18, 2:3-5
- Luke 9:21-27

## WEEK 5

JUN 29-30

### SUNDAY

- 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
- Psalm 16
- Gal 5:1, 13-25
- Luke 9:51-62

### MONDAY

- Psalm 75
- 2 Kings 2:15-22
- 1 John 2:7-11