



They were all filled
with the *Holy Spirit*

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost marks the occasion of God sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after His Resurrection. The book of Acts describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks) was a day that commemorated the giving of the law to Moses, a day soon to be marked as well by the giving of the Holy Spirit.

On *Pentecost*, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the strength to fulfill their commission to spread the Good News of Jesus. The *Solemnity of Pentecost*, which crowns and fulfills the Easter season, is a good time to pray for a deeper in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

The following prayer was recited by pope Benedict XVI in a homily on November 7, 2006. This is a prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Let us invoke him
so that he will irrigate, warm and straighten,
so that he will pervade us
with the power of his sacred flame
and renew the earth.

Let us pray for him with all our hearts at this time, in these days, AMEN.