

# PENTECOST SUNDAY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

## Psalm 25:1-15

Of David.

<sup>1</sup> In you, LORD my God,  
I put my trust.

<sup>2</sup> I trust in you;  
do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup> No one who hopes in you  
will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those  
who are treacherous without cause.

<sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, LORD,  
teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.

<sup>6</sup> Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth  
and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me,  
for you, LORD, are good.

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

<sup>9</sup> He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful  
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

<sup>11</sup> For the sake of your name, LORD,  
forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

<sup>12</sup> Who, then, are those who fear the LORD?  
He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>13</sup> They will spend their days in prosperity,  
and their descendants will inherit the land.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD confides in those who fear him;  
he makes his covenant known to them.

<sup>15</sup> My eyes are ever on the LORD,  
for only he will release my feet from the snare.

### **Old Testament Reading – Numbers 11:24-30**

<sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. <sup>25</sup> Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup> However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup> A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

<sup>28</sup> Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

<sup>29</sup> But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” <sup>30</sup> Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

## New Testament Reading – Acts 2:1-21

### The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

**2** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues<sup>[a]</sup> as the Spirit enabled them.

**5** Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>[b]</sup> **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

**13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

### Peter Addresses the Crowd

**14** Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

**17** “In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’<sup>[c]</sup>

### **Gospel Reading - John 7:37-39**

<sup>37</sup> On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice,  
“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as  
Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>39</sup> By this he  
meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that  
time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.