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Dear Prefix First Name Last Name,

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Spring has sprung! As we celebrate Pentecost this month, how appropriate is it that we celebrate Pentecost in the spring of the year as new life begins.

Happy Birthday... to the Church. By Jesus' Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension and what comes next, marks the birth of the Church. Pentecost, when Jesus sends the Holy Spirit as he had promised on the Apostles, begins new life. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love...

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he has said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit." John 20:21-22

St. Paul, in his teaching, tells us that all Christians are members of Christ and form the body of Christ - the Church - those who are baptized into the Church. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love... Oh my, how we need the Holy Spirit, and the words shared by St. Paul in his letter to the Romans. The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will. Romans 8:26-27 Have you had a conversation directed to the Holy Spirit lately?

All this, thanks be to God! We are praying for you! MOA