The Tree with its
12 Striks



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The Bible tells us that in the beginning, when God created the world,

He saw all that He had made and it was very good.

But sin came when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. When we sin, we fall away from doing good works like our Creator and Heavenly Father.

Yet, God's great desire is that we live a life of obedience to Him and bear good fruits.



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Holy Spirit



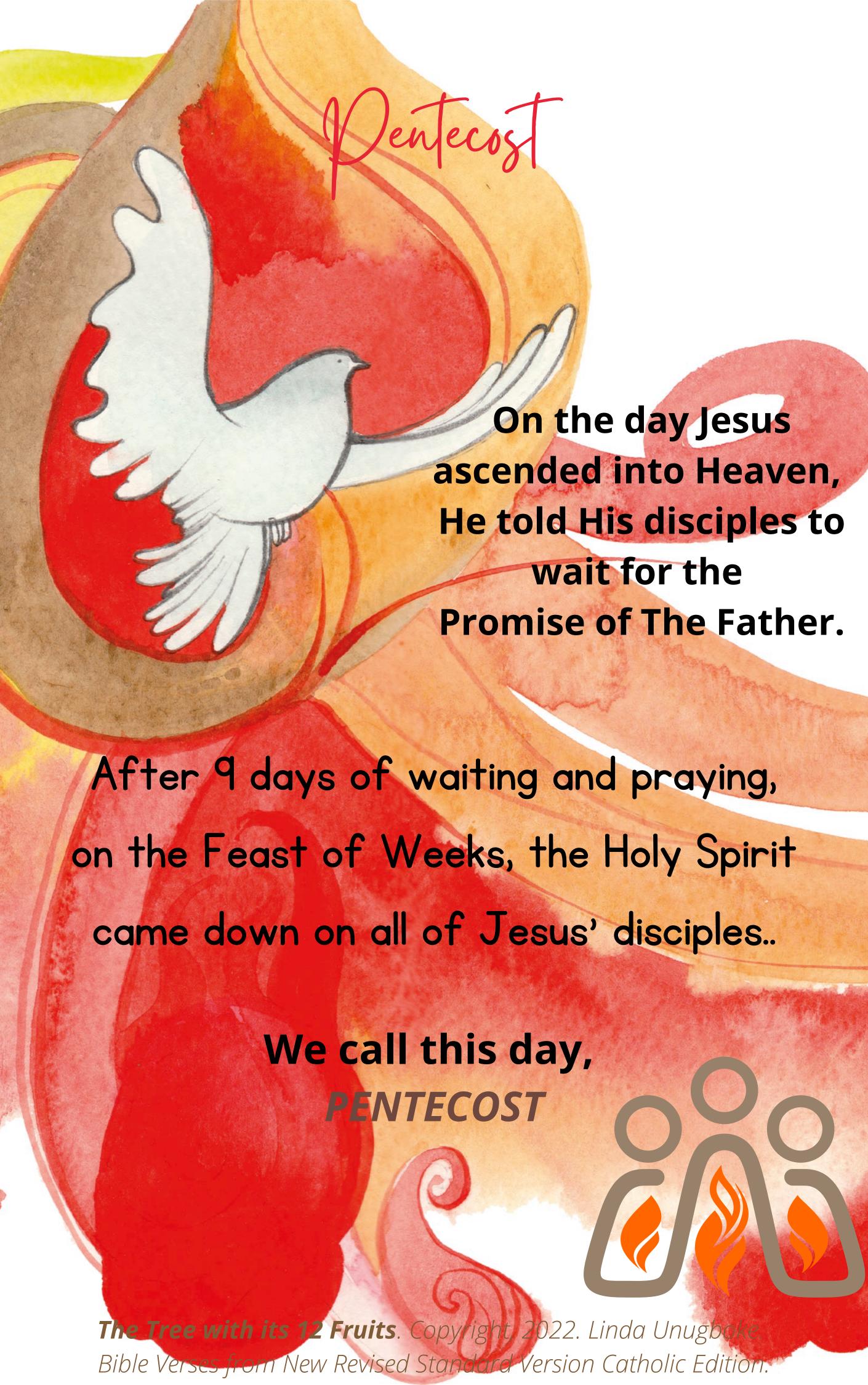
During the time of Jesus, his disciples and other Jews celebrated the

FEAST OF WEEKS

50 days after the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

The Feast of Weeks celebrated the first fruits of the wheat harvest







So the Feast of Weeks celebrated the first fruits of the wheat harvest.

The Feast of Pentecost celebrates the first fruits of Jesus' harvest.

Jesus said, "unless a grain of wheat falls on the earth and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit."

- John 12:24

Jesus is that grain of wheat that died

on the cross for us.

(Remember He said, I AM The Bread of Life). WE are the FIRST FRUITS that He has borne through His death, resurrection and ascension into Heaven.



"You show that you are a letter of Christ, ... written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God not on tablets of

Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."

- 2 Corinthians 3:3

My dear child, I have sent the Holy Spirit, from my Father to be your Helper in this world.

Allow Him to help you bear good fruits in your heart, and write my Father's law in your heart. This way, you become my letter to the world.



Come Holy Spirit
Fill the hearts of the
faithful, and enkindle in them,

the fire of Your love.

The Holy Spirit is God.

He is the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity.

We need Him to constantly be in a









The 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit

joy
peace
patience
kindness
goodness

generosity
gentleness
faithfulness

modesty
self-control

chastity



Recipes 1 & 2: Your Goal



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The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy and peace.

- Galatians 5:22.





This is a bumper recipe. And could very well be God's favourite. One of the best ways to bear these fruits and cook them into a recipe, is through prayer.

As you spend time talking with God, the Holy Spirit will stew up all these three into a delightful dish for God.

Pray: COME HOLY SPIRIT, fill my heart!

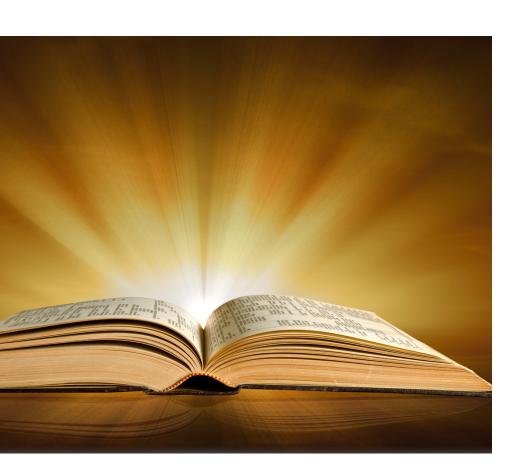
Praying the Rosary helps us to grow in **peace, joy and love**. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was at Pentecost with His disciples. Ask her to help you to receive the Holy Spirit.



Faith, Hope and Love, these three abide forever.

- I Corinthians 13:13





Faith is the gift of the Holy Spirit that brings light into our hearts.

Faith helps us to understand without doubting all that God has revealed.

God's revelation comes to us through reading the Bible and uniting in worship in His Church.

Pray: COME HOLY SPIRIT, fill my heart!

As you spend time with God in worship, you bear the fruit of faithfulness. The Holy Spirit will stir up God's Truth in your heart and fill you with hope to hold on to God's promises.



Take a few minutes to reflect on peace.

The Holy Spirit brings peace to us.

What areas of your life and our world need peace?

Ask Holy Spirit to give you peace in your heart, in your family, and to bring peace into our world.

Recipes 3, 4 & 5: Your Goal



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KINDNESS

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

- Ephesians 4:32





This is a recommended recipe for when your faith is tested by fire.

When others are unkind to you or offend you, how do you react?

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you show kindness instead of malice, patience to forgive and self-control instead of anger.

Pray: COME HOLY SPIRIT, fill my heart!

When we wait on God, we grow the fruits of patience, self-control and kindness. Jesus asked His disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit. Let us ask for His grace to also learn to wait on Him.



So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all



- Galatians 6:10

Goodness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit that makes us like Jesus. The Bible says that Jesus went about doing good.

When we do good to others, we bear the fruit of goodness.

The Gospel is also called "Good News".

Living a good life show others that you believe in Jesus Christ.

Pray: COME HOLY SPIRIT, fill my heart!

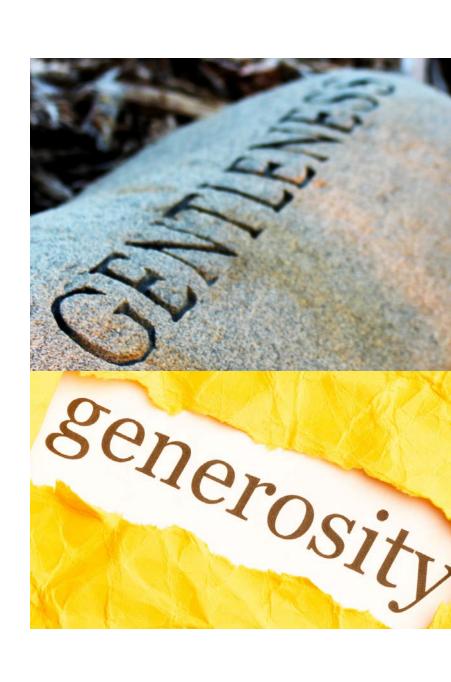
As Christians spreading good vibes, means that we are spreading the **goodness of God** wherever we go.

Do not spread rumours or mock others instead, let good vibes flow out of you to others.



Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

.- Phillipians 4:5





Generosity and Gentleness are a great blend.

Jesus says, "give, and it will be given to you.

A good measure, pressed down, shaken
together, running over, will be put into your
lap; for the measure you give will be the
measure you get back."

Ask God to give you a heart that is generous and gentle.

Pray: COME HOLY SPIRIT, fill my heart!

You can **be generous** in different ways. By giving others a gentle hand to reach their dreams, sharing what you have, supporting a good cause, or encouraging others with words.

Recipes 6 & 7 Your Goal



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Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God...? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

- I Corinthians 6:19-20





Chastity is a fruit of the Holy Spirit which we bear when we treat our bodies with respect. This means that we don't maltreat our bodies or misuse parts of our bodies. You recognise that God lives in you and you worship God in your body. Modesty means we do not brag but live and speak humbly.

Pray: COME HOLY SPIRIT, fill my heart!

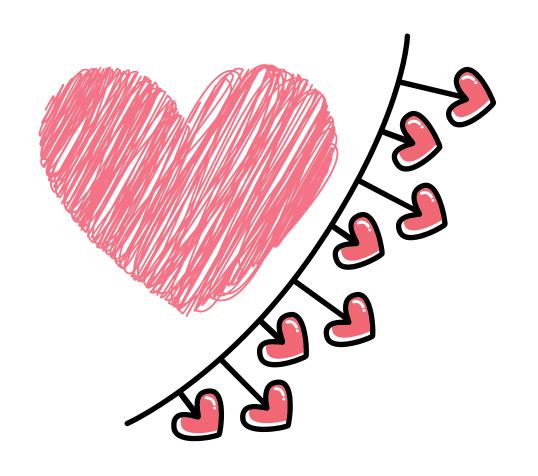
Ask the Holy Spirit to make you **modest** and **chaste** so that you guard your eyes, ears, mouth, mind, and heart. And you see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil, think no evil and believe no evil.

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it:

'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

- Matthew 22:37-39





LOVE is a fruit of the Holy Spirit that can be a combined or a standalone recipe. When we love God with all our hearts and everything we are, His love grows in us. This love we have for Him helps us to love ourselves as God loves us and then multiplies out of us to others.

Pray: COME HOLY SPIRIT, fill my heart!

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see yourself as God sees you. **God loves you with an everlasting love**. It is because He first loved us, that we now are able to love Him in return.



Mon're God's Family

For through Him (Jesus) both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God



- Ephesians 2:18-19



This is the main reason why the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost.

He came to remind us that because Jesus Christ has died and risen for us, we are now members of God's Family.



Just like Mary and Joseph, we can live with Jesus here on earth and forever in Heaven.

Prayer to The Holy Spirit



Oh Holy Spirit, I kneel down
before You in the presence of all
the angels and saints. I offer my
life completely to You.
I know now that You are God,
just as The Father and The Son.
I ask You to come into my life
and change me completely that I
may become exactly like Christ.
Fill me with your love and all
your twelve fruits.

I ask for the fruit of love.
I ask for the fruit of joy.
I ask for the fruit of peace.
I ask for the fruit of faithfulness.

I ask for the fruit of patience.
I ask for the fruit of kindness.
I ask for the fruit of self-control.
I ask for the fruit of goodness.
I ask for the fruit of gentleness.

I ask for the fruit of generosity.

I ask for the fruit of chastity.

I ask for the fruit of modesty.

Keep me away from sin and help me to learn to hear Your voice and obey The Father.

I ask all this in Jesus Name.

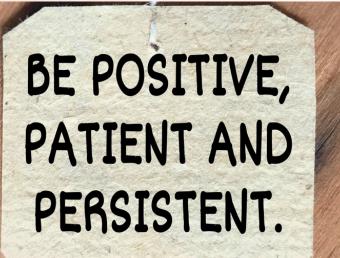
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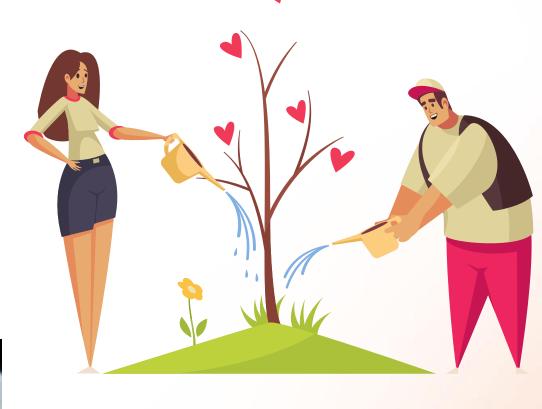


















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Holy Spirit, Lord of light

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From Thy clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, Thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure,
Come, Thou Light of all that live.

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful Guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.
Thou in toil art comfort sweet,
Pleasant coolness in the heat,
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, Light divine,
Visit Thou these hearts of Thine,
And our inmost being fill.
If Thou take Thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

About the Hymn

Words: Attributed to Innocent III (1160–1216) (Veni, Sancte Spiritus). Translated from Latin to English by Edward Caswall, 1848.

Heal our wounds; our strength renew;

On our dryness pour Thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away.
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and Thee adore,
In Thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die,
Give us life with Thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

