



**2015**  
YEAR OF THE HOSPITALLER VOCATION

“Mary at  
Pentecost”

Prayer of the month  
**May 2015**

## 1.- Introduction

There are many paintings, coloured reproductions in glass and cards showing Mary, the Mother of Jesus at Pentecost. Usually Mary is in the middle of the apostles, deep in prayer and waiting for the Holy Spirit. Due to her life and vocational history, Mary is an expert on the Holy Spirit and his actions. She lives in a profound relationship with God and the Holy Spirit, thus becoming a model for the apostles. As we contemplate Mary at Pentecost, we have the opportunity of letting ourselves be shaped by the Holy Spirit in order to transmit God’s love to the world.

## 2.- Hymn

### 3.- Psalm: 104

#### **R Send your Spirit, Lord, to renew the face of the earth**

Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendour and majesty. The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent. R

How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number living things both large and small of the earth. R

When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. R

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.

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### 4.- Biblical reading:

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

*Acts 2, 1- 4*

### 5.- Reflection

Mary is the outstanding model of availability and acceptance towards the Word and the Spirit of God. She opened herself to God, welcoming him into the most intimate part of her existence, even though still young. By offering God hospitality in her womb, Mary became an integral part of God's hospitality.

When she accepts God's plan for her at the encounter with the Angel, she agrees to accept God into the depths of her existence, to offer Him hospitality in the most profound meaning of the word, to participate in His making Himself man. At Pentecost Mary receives the Holy Spirit together with the Apostles. Immersed in prayer, she thus participates in the birth of the Church. Let us take Mary as our model on our journey with Jesus and let us be always open, as she was, to welcome the will and Spirit of God. Every time we welcome God into our hearts, God becomes man through us.

## 6.- Prayers

Beloved brothers, let us pray to Almighty God:

1. **You who breathed life into the first man,  
Give your Church new youthfulness and let her shape the world with your Spirit!**
2. **You who sent your fire to earth, to be alight and spread,  
Inflame our hearts with the power of faith, hope and love!**
3. **John of God lived sustained by the Holy Spirit,  
Make us open ourselves up to His action!**
4. **Strong with Spirit of God, you passed from death to life,  
Resurrect our dead brothers and lead them to the glory of God!**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 7.- The Lord's prayer.

## 8.- Final prayer



### PRAYER FOR THE HOSPITALER VOCATION

Dios, Padre nuestro,  
en este año vocacional - hospitalario  
ponemos en ti nuestra confianza,  
y depositamos en tus manos bondadosas  
nuestras dificultades, ilusiones y esperanzas.

Que el amor que tú has derramado  
en nuestros corazones  
nos haga ser más hospitalarios,  
acogedores y misericordiosos,  
sensibles al sufrimiento de nuestros hermanos.

Renueva en nosotros  
la llamada a seguir a Jesús, tu Hijo y  
haz que comprendamos que vale la pena  
entregar la vida por el Evangelio,  
en el servicio y amor  
a nuestros hermanos pobres y enfermos.

Acoge Señor, nuestra alabanza  
y nuestra oración,  
para que los jóvenes,  
a ejemplo de María,  
Madre de la Hospitalidad  
sean premurosos en su sí,  
y se incorporen con alegría  
a la misión a la que tú los convocas  
en nuestra familia Hospitalaria.

Concédenos generosidad y prontitud en la respuesta,  
y haz que como San Juan de Dios  
seamos portadores de vida, salud y esperanza  
para todas las personas con quienes recorreremos  
el camino de la vida.

Amén.