

# Pentecost

Ten days after the Ascension, Jesus's disciples met in Jerusalem.

As they were praying, the disciples heard what sounded like

**'A powerful wind'**

Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire descend on their heads,  
but they were unharmed by them.

They called this extraordinary event **Pentecost.**

Whatever happened that day

Pentecost energised the disciples.

Instead of hiding away, afraid to speak out in fear of arrest,  
the disciples began openly preaching that Jesus was the Messiah,  
that he had risen from the dead

and that he would return at the end of time.

They began to heal the sick in Jesus's name.

## Opening Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit  
Come among us.

Come, Holy Spirit  
Renew and energise us

Come, Holy Spirit

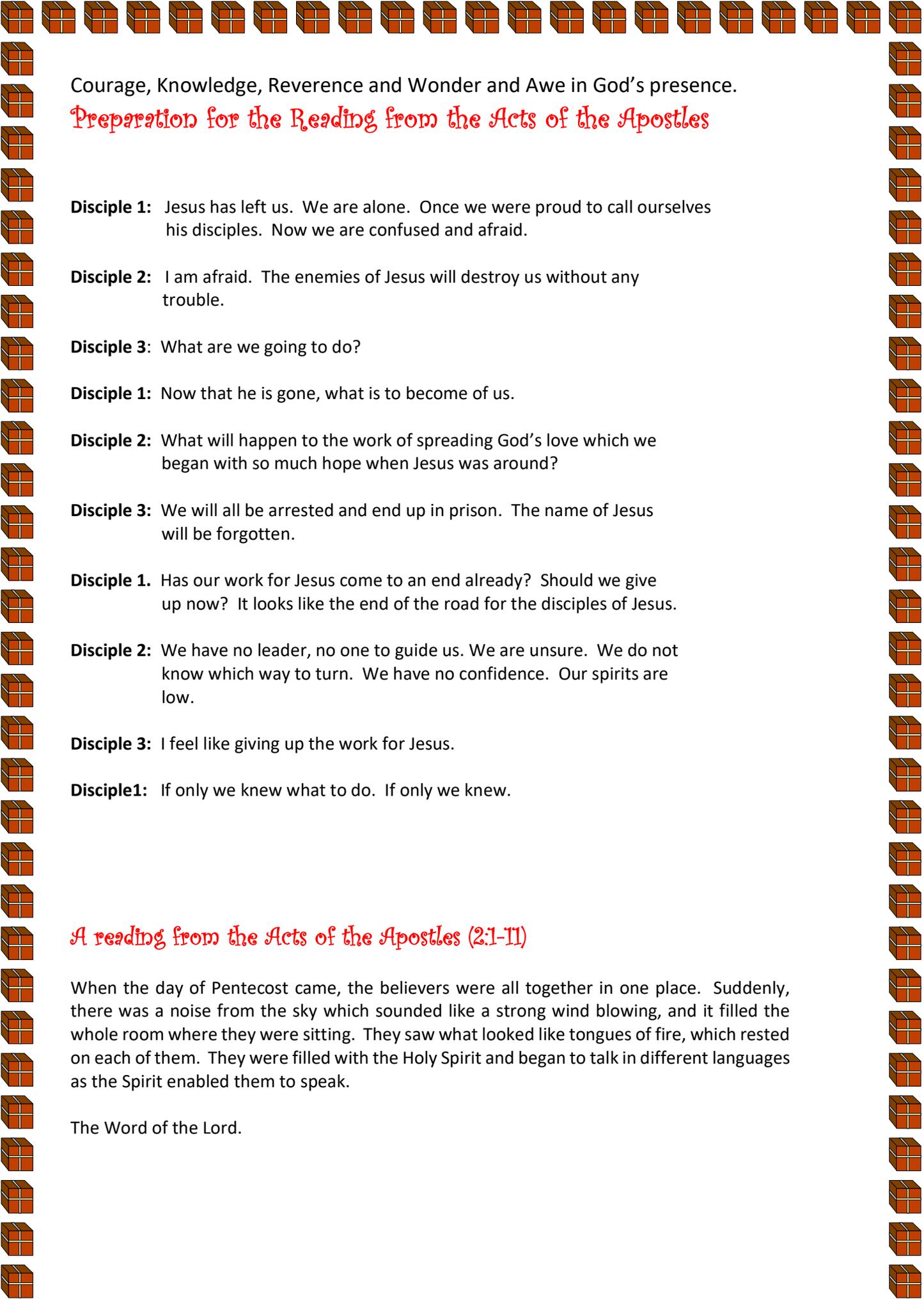
Guide and protect us.

Come, Holy Spirit  
Fill us with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit  
Revive and sustain us.

Come, Holy Spirit  
Empower us with your gifts  
of Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement,





Courage, Knowledge, Reverence and Wonder and Awe in God's presence.

## *Preparation for the Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

**Disciple 1:** Jesus has left us. We are alone. Once we were proud to call ourselves his disciples. Now we are confused and afraid.

**Disciple 2:** I am afraid. The enemies of Jesus will destroy us without any trouble.

**Disciple 3:** What are we going to do?

**Disciple 1:** Now that he is gone, what is to become of us.

**Disciple 2:** What will happen to the work of spreading God's love which we began with so much hope when Jesus was around?

**Disciple 3:** We will all be arrested and end up in prison. The name of Jesus will be forgotten.

**Disciple 1:** Has our work for Jesus come to an end already? Should we give up now? It looks like the end of the road for the disciples of Jesus.

**Disciple 2:** We have no leader, no one to guide us. We are unsure. We do not know which way to turn. We have no confidence. Our spirits are low.

**Disciple 3:** I feel like giving up the work for Jesus.

**Disciple 1:** If only we knew what to do. If only we knew.

## *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11)*

When the day of Pentecost came, the believers were all together in one place. Suddenly, there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole room where they were sitting. They saw what looked like tongues of fire, which rested on each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in different languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

The Word of the Lord.



## Testimony of two people on the day of Pentecost

**Voice 1:** We were in Jerusalem on pilgrimage doing the rounds of the holy places. We heard people shouting with excitement.

**Voice 2:** We rushed down to see what was happening.

**Voice 1:** We thought maybe a miracle had taken place, maybe a cure. We did not really know.

**Voice 2:** Some Galilean men were standing on the steps outside the public building and they were full of talk and excitement about Jesus of Nazareth. We thought for a moment they were drunk. Then we realised that we understood what they were saying in our own language.

**Voice 1:** We're Parthians and our language is supposed to be difficult. It would not be understood by foreigners and that is what these Galileans were to us.

**Voice 2:** We looked around and we could see Medes and Elamites and people from Mesopotamia. These people heard the Galileans talking about Jesus in their own native tongue. We could see the amazement on the pilgrim's faces and hear it in the excited talk that was all around us.

**Voice 1:** We listened spellbound and heard in our own language about the marvels God had worked through Jesus of Nazareth.

**Voice 2:** I have done these pilgrimages many times to Jerusalem, but this is the most exciting thing that ever happened. The hand of God is on those Galileans.

**Voice 1:** They told us that the Spirit of God came on them when they were in a room together and they were empowered to come on to the street to declare before everyone that they were for Jesus of Nazareth.

**Voice 2:** The Galileans were hardly taking time to draw a breath they were so filled up with Jesus and the way God had chosen him to be the Saviour of the World.

*Come, Holy Spirit,  
Enkindle in us the fire of your love*

Song: YouTube – Holy Spirit Come with Your Fire

# My Special Gift

Understanding

Good Listener

Compassionate  
Loyal Friend

Truthful

Positive Attitude

Resourceful

JOYFUL

Understanding

Grateful

Courageous

Loving

Kind

Respectful

Self-control

Can be trusted to do the right thing

Sincere

Sensitive

Gentle

Hopeful

Peaceful

Respectful Calm

Generous

Self-Confident

Faithful Awareness

Patient

Gentle

sense of Humour

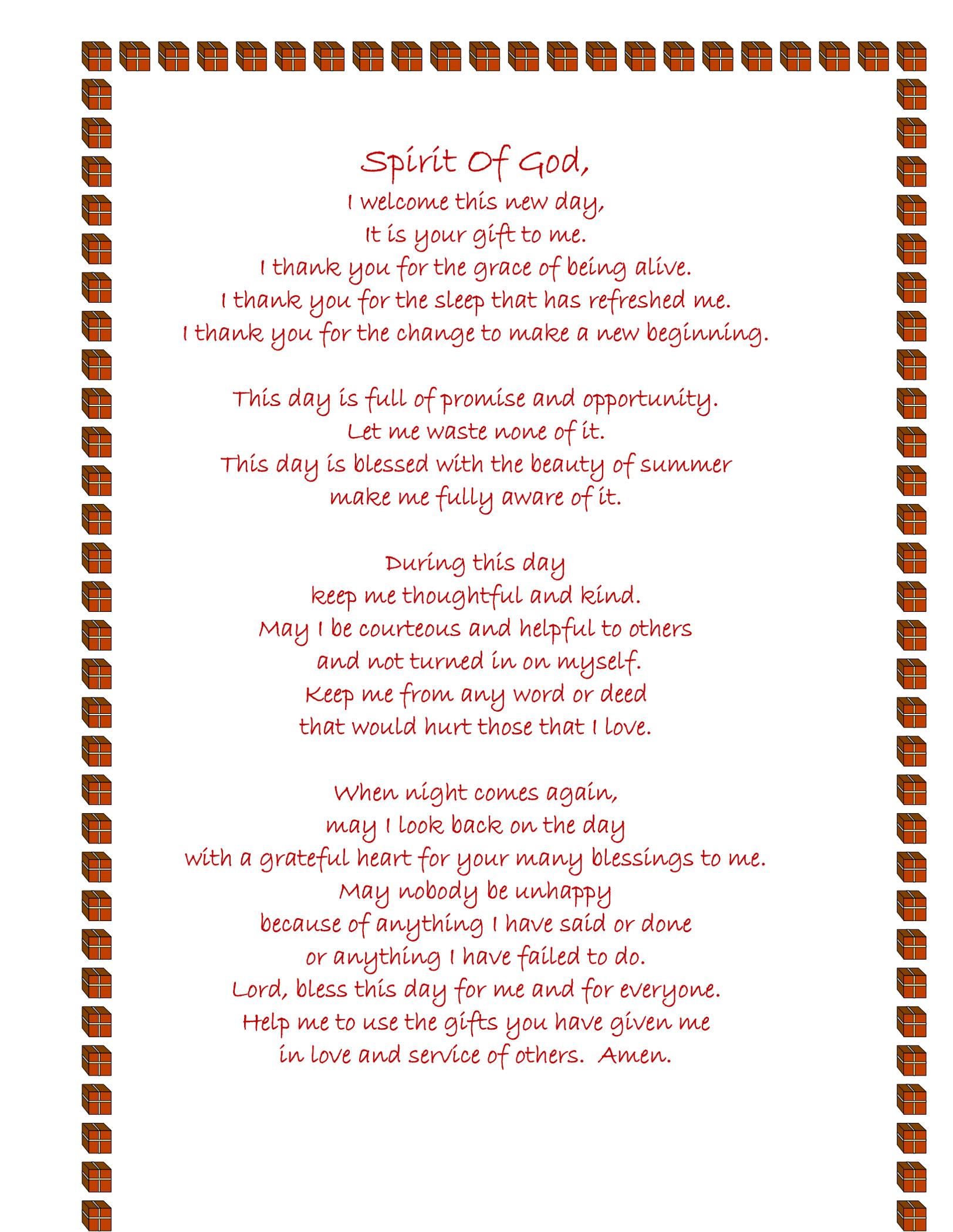




Good decision maker

# My Personal Gift/s

*Choose one or two gifts from the list-My Special Gift  
and write how you use these gifts...*



Spirit Of God,

I welcome this new day,  
It is your gift to me.

I thank you for the grace of being alive.  
I thank you for the sleep that has refreshed me.  
I thank you for the change to make a new beginning.

This day is full of promise and opportunity.  
Let me waste none of it.  
This day is blessed with the beauty of summer  
make me fully aware of it.

During this day  
keep me thoughtful and kind.  
May I be courteous and helpful to others  
and not turned in on myself.  
Keep me from any word or deed  
that would hurt those that I love.

When night comes again,  
may I look back on the day  
with a grateful heart for your many blessings to me.

May nobody be unhappy  
because of anything I have said or done  
or anything I have failed to do.  
Lord, bless this day for me and for everyone.  
Help me to use the gifts you have given me  
in love and service of others. Amen.

