



# PENTECOST PRAYER SERVICE

**LEADER:** On the day of Pentecost the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and given the strength to continue Christ's mission on earth. Let us listen to their story.

**READER:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
[Acts of the Apostles 2:1–8]

The Word of the Lord.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

**LEADER:** Trusting in God's love for us and confident that God hears our prayer, we offer our petitions.

**LEADER:** That we might have some of the strength and courage that was given to the disciples at Pentecost, we pray to the Lord.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**LEADER:** For the ability to carry on Christ's mission as the disciples did, we pray to the Lord.

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**LEADER:** That we might bring the richness of the Word of God to everyone we meet, we pray to the Lord.

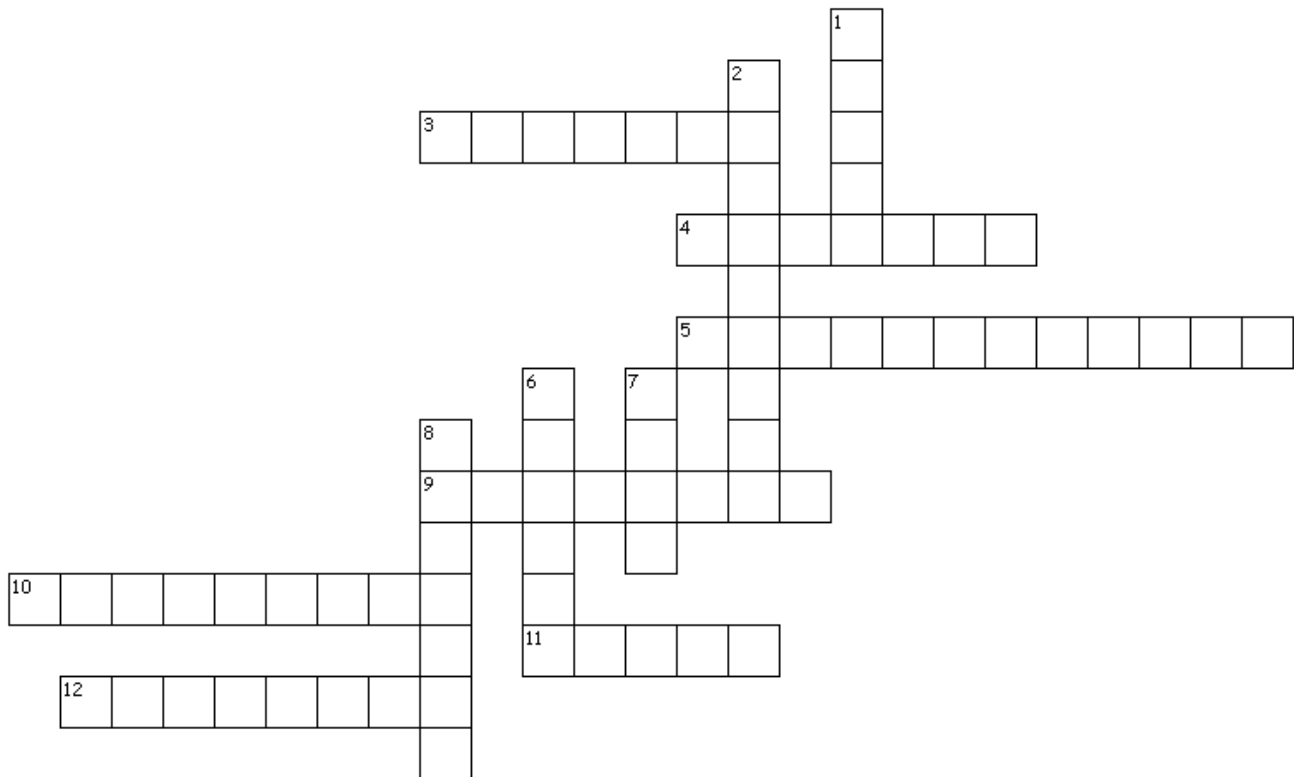
**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**LEADER:** Father, thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us continue the mission of Jesus in our homes and neighborhoods. May we be good news to all we meet. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** Amen.



# HOLY SPIRIT CROSSWORD



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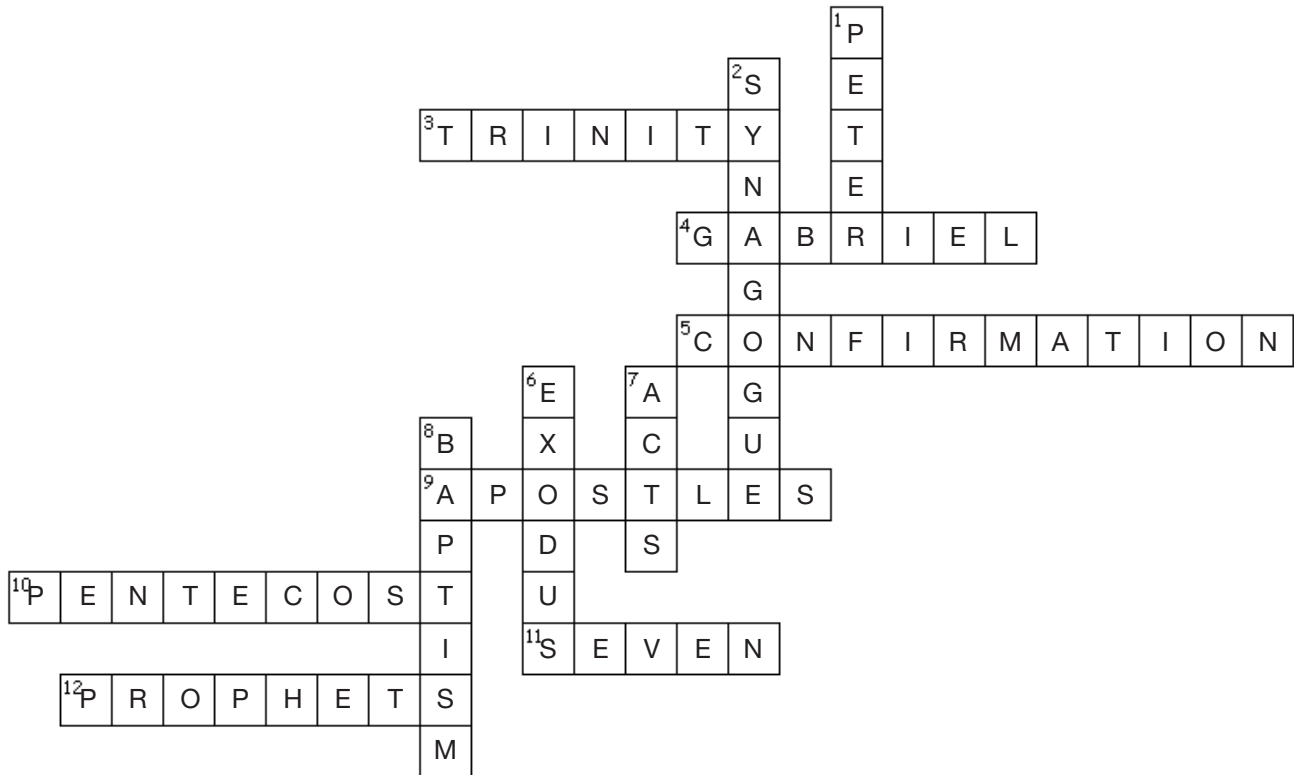
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# PENTECOST PEACE



Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation.

As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting everyone to reflect upon his or her need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or an issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting on how you might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19–23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together Psalm 104 or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another the Sign of Peace.