

Monthly Reflection for June (Pentecost)

One of my favourite hymns at Pentecost is

O Breathe of Life come sweeping through us

Revive Your Church with life and power,,,,,,,, (You may like to read all the verses or listen to the hymn online)

These words speak powerfully of a new beginning to address a World of need, echoing the words of Jesus, " Look around you, see the fields are ripe and ready for the harvest" John 4:35

Jesus calls his followers, though few, to be reapers of the Harvest, so now he calls us.

The hymn was written by Michael Zanabali, born in Heidelberg now living in San Diego, his guitar playing spans the world drawing from every style of guitar playing, classical, jazz and flamenco, bringing a passion and emotional response to his music, stirring the hearts of his audience.

We need to pray for the zeal and the passion of the Spirit to revive our hearts to overflowing with the gifts of the Spirit in these days of Pentecost. I wish to focus on three movements of the Spirit in our own lives, enabling us to be the channel and player of the Spirit in the lives of others: Creating, Healing, Transforming. I want to share with you a prayer I pray every day and I invite you to join me and to pray this prayer for yourself and for others.

In the style of Hildegard of Bingen, it is an invocation of the Holy Spirit of God; Breathe deeply and slowly as you pray each short phrase.

Holy Spirit,

Life-giving Life,

All movement,

Source of all Being,

Holy Spirit Creating.

*How am I a channel of creativity? How
am I caring for Creation? Am I a source
of new beginnings, new thinking?*

Holy Spirit,
Purifier of all impurity,
Absolver of all faults,
Balm of all wounds,
Holy Spirit Healing.

*How am I speaking out for justice? How
am I working for reconciliation? Am I a
channel of grace to all people*

Holy Spirit,
Radiant Life
Worthy of all Praise

Holy Spirit,
Resurrects and awakens
Everything that is.
Holy Spirit Evolving, One-ing^{*}

*Am I Living and praying for change and
transformation as Mary Sumner did, "May the Spirit
quicken the people I touch either in the word I speak,
the life I lead or through the prayer I breathe? Am I
living and praying to draw all people into the Love of
Christ? Is my life attracting others to know Christ?*

As you pray these words, you may like to colour the accompanying image of life drawn from my garden in Scotland moving from the last of the Spring Easter clothing to the rich Pentecostal colours of the Summer inviting the Spirit into your life and that of others, adding their names to the garden. **

I will be praying with you.

**Hildegard's unique word for "Moving towards unity in the living Christ"*

***Please note the image come as a photo or a pdf file.*

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