

# ***What are we waiting for?***

## ***A litany of Invitation/challenge for Pentecost***

Lord Jesus, you have invited each one of us to stand with you in the great commandment of love, the source and fulfilment of our human journey and the key to discipleship with you. You send us your Spirit at Pentecost, and you have equipped us through Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation with the gifts we need to transform the world.

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Lord, you have promised that where even two or three gather in your name, you will be with us. You have asked us to be your presence and power in a world that needs its God.

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Lord, through your grace upon the Pope and the Bishops at the Second Vatican Council, the "windows were opened" and you poured out your Spirit anew upon the laity and called them afresh to take their rightful place in the mission of your church to the world.

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Lord, those you have called, you have also formed into your Body, and those formed into your Body you have commissioned and send out to share your Gospel with their brothers and sisters.

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Lord, you say to us, *Now is the day of salvation*, and you promise to be with us until the end of time as we take up the work of the Gospel in our daily lives.

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Lord, you remind us that our time is short and our mission is urgent. We are called by you to change the world rather than be changed by it! You have gifted us and empowered us with your own strength.

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Lord you did not leave us orphans when you ascended into heaven, but you have promised to be with us always, to the end of time.

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Lord, please forgive us for our delays, our procrastination, and our excuses, and forgive us too for the rationalisations we might make as to why we may not have done much in the way of the work you have given us to do. You ask us not to *finish* the task but to *start* it and work at it, so that when you come you may find us faithfully at the employment you have commissioned us for.

As a result of this Pentecost Day, may your Spirit now prevent us from using your gifts only for self-nurture: may that Spirit send us on the road, journeying in faith. We need the gift of the Spirit's zeal to set the world ablaze; forgive us for those times we have dampened down the ardour and power of the Holy Spirit, for even attempting to modify your word and compromise the extent of your grace and the blowing of your Spirit where that Spirit wills. Give our lives today the grace of a new Pentecost. Amen.

