

Scripture and Prayers used:

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus commissions the disciples

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Acts 2:1-11 - *Abridged*

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Blessing – optional one to use at the end:

[*Blessing of The Holy Spirit Roman Missal p. 714 #8*]

May God, the Father of lights,
Who was pleased to enlighten the disciple’s minds
By the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete,
Grant you gladness by His blessings
And make you always abound with the gifts of the same Spirit. **All: Amen**

May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples.
Powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil
And pervade them with its purifying light. **All: Amen**

And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues
In the profession of one faith,

Give you perseverance in that same faith and by believing,
May you journey from hope to clear vision.

All: Amen

And may the blessing of almighty God,
The Father, and The Son + and The Holy Spirit,
Come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen

Dismissal: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers as on the cards for different age groups:

9-12 Mary MacKillop:

Scripture Passage: Go out into the world and make disciples of all nations... and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Mtt19-20)

Quotes: *“Whatever troubles come before you, accept them cheerfully.”*

“Do not be afraid. Love one another.”

“Let charity guide you in all your life.”

“Never see a need without doing something about it.”

Prayer: *We thank God, for the gift of Mary MacKillop, and all who have been saints to us on our journey. May we share their courage and follow their example. Amen*

12-15 Mother Teresa

Quote: *“God has not called me to be successful. He called me to be faithful.”*

Prayer enabled Mother Teresa to continue her work, even in the most difficult of times. Included amongst her daily prayers was this well-known one:

Prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola

*Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not ask for reward,
save knowing that I do your will.*

Words of wisdom: *Always have the courage to say sorry,
Be compassionate and kind, Control your judgements and anger
Most of all: Learn to pray, love to pray, and pray often. Mother Teresa*