



breath of love
Laudato Si
evolutionary pentecost

**At Pentecost, the church celebrates
the coming of the Spirit--the outpouring
of the sudden power of God to transform
a wounded and disillusioned band of stragglers
into a community that changed the world.**

**It generated both a deep interior fire
and immediate, compelling, and outrageous
public witness.**

from BREAD FOR TOMORROW

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what is on these pages? A LOT...start with what captures you...save the rest for the
another day, week, month

* quotes from Laudato Si` * novena prayers * world environment day * sacred scripture *
questions * musings

*you are invited to add to, create, have conversations, mull over,
contemplate, delight in, question, pray, probe, . . .*

The Spirit of God has filled
the universe **with possibilities**
and therefore, **from the very heart of things,**
something new can always emerge . . .

Laudate Si` 80

How do you understand this quote from Laudato Si`?
What is emerging around you, within you, all around . . . ?

The Spirit is also

“the breath of love”

the giver of life, the remaker of community, the waker of the oppressed,
the one who sings in the hearts of the poor.

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When has *the breath of love* touched you?

The entire material universe **speaks of God's love,**
a boundless affection for us.

Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were,
a caress of God. Laudate Si` 84

when have you experienced **the material universe speaking to you of God's love?**

the church celebrates the power of God to transform and our power with God to transform

Have you experienced God's power and our power with God to transform?

SPIRIT

Pray the novena prayers in the **Spirit of God**
 asking for what you need **to hear God's voice**
 in the deep quiet spaces of prayer in those whom the world does not wish to
 hear ...the pain of landless and homeless, the oppression of women
 and children, the groans of creation and . . .

**HOW TO PRAY
 THE NOVENA:**

Be still
 within and
 without.
 Be aware
 of the gift
 of listening.
 Listen to the
 sounds
 and silence
 around you.

Center yourself
 in God
 who speaks
 to your heart.
 Pray for
 inspiration a
 nd direction
 for our lives
 through
 the power
 of the
 Holy Spirit.

Designate
 a space
 of time
 that allows
 for silent
 meditative
 listening,

May 26
 O Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
**Come,
 as Holy Fire**
 and burn in us, melt that
 which has become hard in us,
 stir up the embers of that
 which has become cold in us,
 and bring new life from that
 which has died in us.
 Come O Holy Spirit of Fire.
 Amen.

May 27
 O Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
**Come,
 as Holy Truth,**
 and in this time of change
 and unrest, give us the wisdom
 to sort living truths from
 dying customs.
 Come O Holy Spirit of Truth.
 Amen.

May 28
 O Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
**Come,
 as Holy Love**
 and enfold us, hold us together
 in solidarity with all people of
 the world making us one, bring-
 ing about a new culture of peace
 and unity. Come, O Holy Spirit
 of Love. Amen

May 29
 O Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
**Come,
 as Holy Wind**
 and cleanse us so that You can cre-
 ate new life and new meaning in
 us. Come O Holy Spirit of Wind.
 Amen.

May 30
 O Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
**Come, as Holy
 Forgiveness**
 and free us, so that the desire
 of Jesus that all may be one
 will become more fully
 realized in us. Forgiven,
 may we be instruments of
 forgiveness in all that we do.
 Come O Holy Spirit
 of Forgiveness. Amen.

May 31
 O Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
**Come
 as Holy Power**
 and create within us a space
 for that same Holy Power
 to move through us,
 transforming us and carrying
 us beyond ourselves so that
 Your Spirit may bring about
 Your reign of Justice and Peace
 and Love for all people and
 the whole of creation.
 Come O Holy Spirit of Power.
 Amen.

an open
 space for an
 open heart.
 PRAY FOR
 SPACIOUSNESS
 OF HEART.

SPIRIT

June 1
 O Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
**Come,
 as Holy Light**
 and lead us, guide us, and
 brighten our way so that
 Your Spirit of courage and
 compassion will shine upon
 us as we work with all people
 of good will to break the
 chains of prejudice and
 hatred. Teach us to put aside
 war and injustice, so that
 we may live in peace, in
 harmony, and in Your light.
 Come O Holy Spirit of Light.
 Amen.

June 2
 O Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
**Come,
 as Holy Life**
 and dwell in us, and help us
 to believe the mystery of You
 coming to life in each and
 every one of us and the cosmos,
 our home. May we be reverent
 before Your Presence in all of
 creation.
 Come O Holy Spirit of Life.
 Amen.

June 3
 O Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
**O Come, O Holy
 Spirit, come!**
 Come, Come, Come.....
 Impel us to risk all in faith for
 a more just life for all creation.
 Amen.

world environment day is the United Nations flagship day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the environment.

Monday June 5 2017 theme: *connect with nature*

<http://worldenvironmentday.global>

TYPE IN *YouTube Deepak Chopra LOVING THE WORLD* and watch with others

We are nature.

We are the water; our bodies are 90% water.

We are the sky; our bodies need oxygen to breathe.

We are the earth; other animals and plants sustain our bodies, give us strength, as we give to them when we protect them from harm and disappearing from the environment.

No matter where we come from and no matter who else we are.

We are nature.

★ **Some ways to cherish and celebrate this vital relationship:**

Go outside and INHALE the many scents and aromas that you find waiting for you. Breathe in the beauty. Taste and see that God is GOOD and so are YOU.

What thoughts, feelings, perceptions did you experience?

★ Create something if you feel so moved. Write a poem or draw the experience if this appeals to you or tell someone what happened to you. **Plant a small bush, a tree or some flowers in your yard.**

Take a walk in the dark and rely on your ears and nose to experience nature.

★ Sit in silence inside or outside. Breathe in deeply and fully . . . gently slow down . . . let all barriers dissolve . . . inhale and let the flow of your breath fill the universe . . . in and out, in and out . . . praise the God of life . . . in and out . . . let the experience evolve . . .

★ Take off your shoes, walk in the grass, on the ground, getting your feet dirty and hands too. What was it like?

Urge legislators to oppose efforts to weaken the Endangered Species Act.

★ Recall all the places that matter to you. What one matters most? Get in touch with why it is special for you, its importance to you. Find a photo or take a photo, or draw a picture of that place. Share with someone what it is you are willing to do to protect what is special to you, what you love and why. **Plan a gathering of people in your community to attend *An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power* in theaters July 28th.**

★ Plan a PICNIC, go for a HIKE, organize a CLEAN UP.

Make a list of 5 elements in the natural world that you enjoy. Invite someone to prepare a similar list. Have a get together over a cup of tea or coffee, a glass of wine or water, or go for a walk and share the lists. Explore the value and meaning these elements to you. Meet a second time and invite a third person to create and bring their list as they join you in a new experience.

Urge support for Paris Climate agreement

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the breath of love the breath of life

"The Spirit, infinite bond of love, is intimately present at the very heart of the universe, inspiring and bringing new pathways." Laudato Si #238

SPIRIT

reflection in groups or alone

BEGIN with a 9 minute YouTube that focuses attention our breath in the present moment.

READ
PONDER
DISCUSS
PONDER
MORE

The traditional Christian interpretation of Pentecost implies that the arrival of the Holy Spirit was not something that occurred until Jesus' died, what John calls "the glorification of Jesus". One can get the impression that the breath of God was absent in the universe, and then was introduced only after Jesus' death.

WHAT'S
NEW

But, of course, in an evolutionary worldview, the evolutionary current by which all levels of reality, including the first atoms after the Big Bang, transcend themselves, and unify into a greater, unified whole (helium and hydrogen forming galaxies, for example) is itself what the tradition has named the Holy Spirit, or the breath of God implicate in the process of creation itself. This developmental process, by which parts are unified into more complex wholes, and then the wholes themselves become parts of ever-larger and more complex wholes, is what I define as salvation—the wholification of the cosmos. The history of salvation, then, extends to the entire universe. Salvation in this sense includes, but is not limited to, the human domain. We too are in the process of being saved, or wholified. This implies that we are whole, but also just parts of a new whole, the new human, that wants to emerge.

IMAGINE Imagine what we can bring about if we conspire, ("conspirare" to breathe together) if we breathed together and listened together for the rushing wind? What might we might bring about? What would we discover? Spend time with others in such a "conspiracy" and let us know what happened.

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The Pentecostal power, as presented in both Acts 2:1-2, John's gospel, and in the Numbers 11:24-30 passage is one of the power to communicate, with directness and immediacy, the good news that we are in the process of being made whole (saved) by a Love which is our destiny.

When evolution is interpreted theologically or spiritually, we must say that it is not an emergence of the higher from the lower. Rather, it represents the presence of the higher, the divine life and impulse, already enfolded into earlier forms of life, and when the time and conditions are ripe, the flowering of implicate or latent potential emerges. Life, in other words, is enfolded like a seed, within inorganic matter. Consciousness is enfolded, like a seed, within life. The moral impulse for love and justice, are enfolded, like seeds, within consciousness. And, to get to the Pentecostal point of all this, the new human is enfolded, seed-like, within the existent human. Salvation, then, is the realization and revelation of God, through this evolutionary process of wholification.

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