

Pentecost – the descent of the Holy Spirit on the first disciples. A rushing wind and tongues of flame, and a terrified people are calmed. They know the presence of God. And in that moment they are recreated as witnesses to the good news of Jesus.

Despite these beautiful days of sunshine and swallows darting on the wing, nesting under the eaves of the empty new house next door, the words of the Apostle John are echoing in my head: 'In this world, you will have trouble' (John 16:33). It is not a depressing thought, more a statement of fact. The question is, what will we do in the face of trouble? How will we respond?

The prophet Elijah knew all about trouble. On the run for his life in the wilderness, Elijah collapses exhausted under a broom tree. His body is failing him and so is his courage. He prays that he might die, such is his fear and despair. At his very lowest moment, an angel appears and provides him with food. Just enough to get him on his feet and continue his journey.

Elijah takes refuge in a cave. It is here God speaks to him. 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' God asks. Elijah explains how awful it all is. God instructs him to stand outside, for He is about to 'pass by'. Then comes a roaring wind, a rock-shattering earthquake, a raging fire, and afterwards, a gentle whisper. God asks again, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

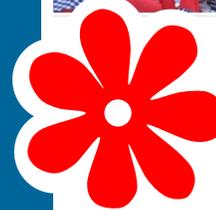
God speaks in the whispers, the bad and sad moments when a small point of light flickers and you entertain angels unawares. God asks us, gently and persistently, despite the darkness, 'What are you doing here?'

Despite the pandemic, our answer to this question has not changed. We, like the disciples at the first Pentecost and like Elijah, are called to wait expectantly, to listen for God. Despite trouble, or even because of trouble, we become more attuned to 'hear' the God who transforms our hearts and minds. The God who invites us, once again, to live another day as witnesses to love.

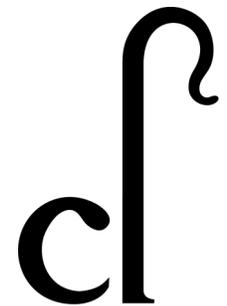
"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth."

Amen and God bless you all,

Vanessa

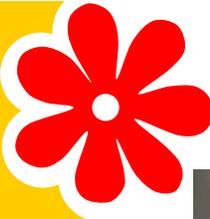


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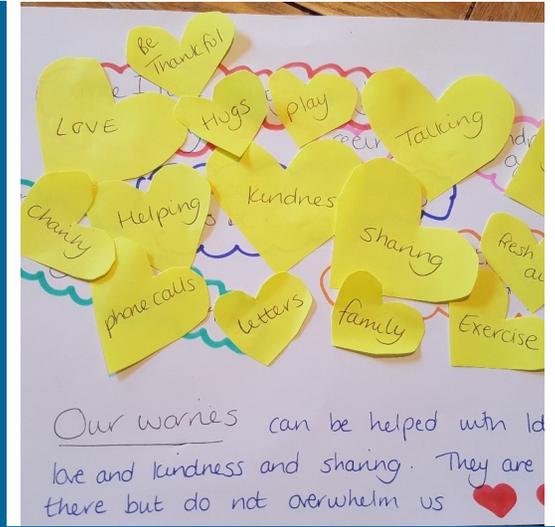
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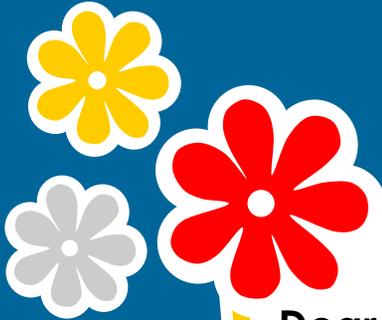


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Let us give thanks for a plentiful supply of food,
We pray not to be angry and annoyed with others,
Let us give thanks that we could turn the lights on without being scared of bombs,
We pray not to fight over land and share what we have,
Let us give thanks for being able to travel the world and enjoy it,
We pray for good health care and for people to recover from diseases,

Amen
By Billy Dutson Year 4



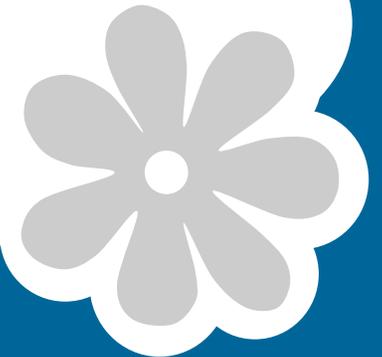


**Dear Lord, hear my thoughts,
I am thankful for the people who fought in the war.
We pray for poor countries.
I am thankful for the people who cared for the children during the
terrible war.
We pray for the countries still devastated by war.
I am thankful for the food we have and produce now.
We pray for all the poorly people.**

Thank you our Lord,

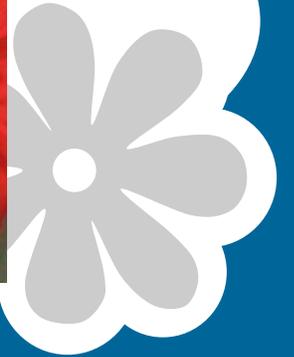
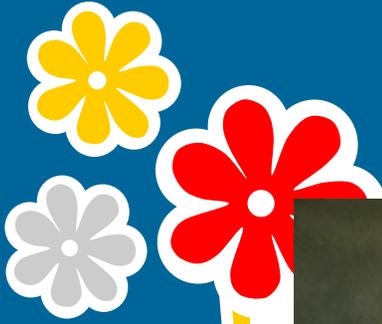
AMEN

**By Cavan Carson Year 3
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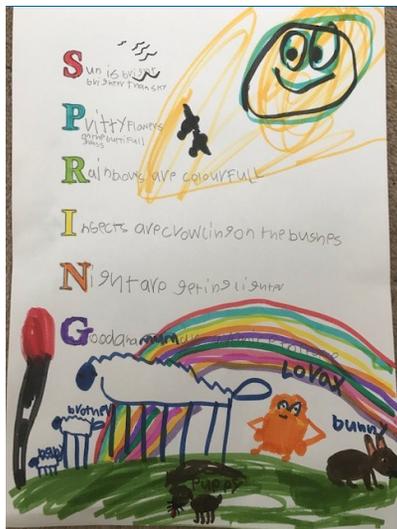
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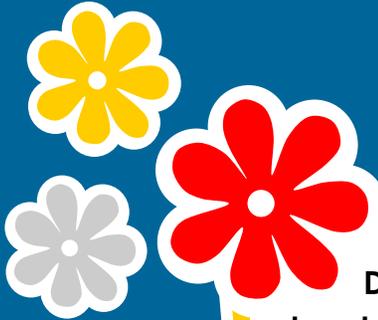




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Dear Father

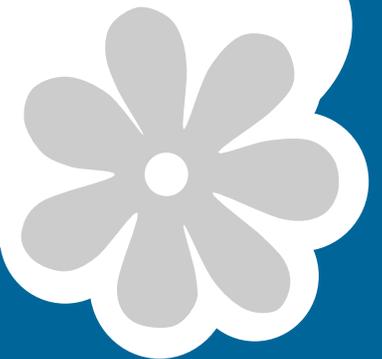
During this difficult time please help us to remember and reflect upon the values you have taught us:

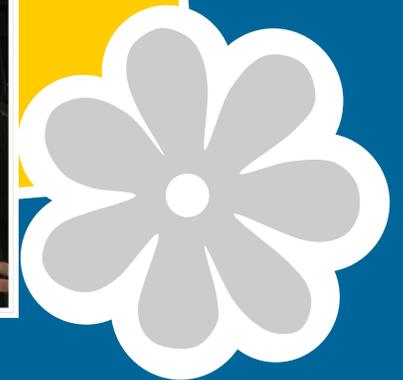
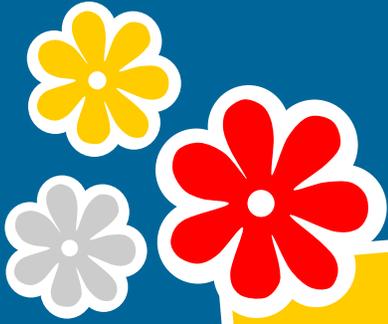
- ◇ **Wisdom that we keep a level head during uncertain times**
- ◇ **Compassion and friendship that we may continue to take care of each other**
- ◇ **Endurance and courage that we may keep going when things are tough**
- ◇ **Fellowship that we need advice to help keep our community safe**
- ◇ **Service that we may help our parents and family at home**
- ◇ **Thankfulness for those who are working so hard to keep us healthy and safe**

We put our hopes in you, Lord, to protect and bless us all

Amen

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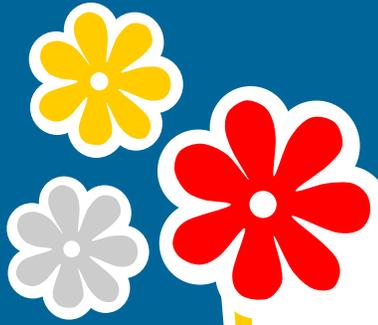


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