**Pentecost Prayer by Joan Chittister, OSB**

The Holy Spirit embodies the life force of the universe, the power of God, the animating energy present in all things and captured by none. On this great feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Spirit of God, I invite you to pray with me:

May the Gifts of the Holy Spiritbring fire to the earthso that the presence of Godmay be seenin a new light,  
in new places,  
in new ways.

May our own hearts  
burst into flame  
so that no obstacle,  
no matter how great,  
ever obstructs the message  
of the God within each of us.

May we come to trust  
the Word of God in our heart,  
to speak it with courage,  
to follow it faithfully  
and to fan it to flame in others.

May the Jesus  
who filled women  
with his Holy Spirit  
fill the world and the church  
with new respect  
for women’s power and presence.

Give me, Great God,  
a sense of the Breath of Spirit  
within me as I…  
  
(State the intention in your own life at this time for which you are praying.)  
Amen.