

Prayer for Session 6 of *Awakening to Christ*

Beginning Prayer:

Proclaim the scripture passage below. You may do this yourself or invite a member of the group to do so. Allow for a bit of silence (perhaps pray the Lord's Prayer to yourself for a sense of ample silence). Proclaim the reading again. At the conclusion of the second proclamation invite the members of the group to share a word or a phrase that stuck out and spoke to them. Simply ask them to voice that word or phrase out loud without explanation. After all have voiced their word or phrase, pause and pray the following:

Lord, God. Be with us this night. May the words and phrases that spoke to our hearts as we listened to your Word as it was proclaimed remain with us in our sharing this night. We ask this as we ask all things, through Jesus your Son in the Power of the Spirit. Amen.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-11)

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language?"

We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

The word of the Lord

Closing Prayer:

As we conclude our sharing today, let us listen once more to the scripture that was proclaimed as we began. (**Proclaim the passage above once more.**) May we continue to ponder the words of this passage in our hearts as we journey together through the week. Together let us pray the *Evangelization Prayer* found on the inside front cover of our booklets. (**After the prayer is prayed**) Let us go in peace!