**Pentecost Vigil Prayer, 30 May 2020**

**Opening Prayer**

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.
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

**Appropriate Hymn to the Holy Spirit**

**Introduction**

We have gathered here in cyberspace as a community to keep the Vigil of Pentecost together. In a crisis we turn to God, and now in this collective global crisis overtaking us we pray for a new Pentecost, an out pouring of the Holy Spirit as on that day there appeared as tongues of fire, settling on the Apostles and setting their hearts ablaze to witness to the Jesus who walked with them once. This frightened little community of believers were huddled together in fear of the opposition outside, were then transformed into bold witnesses of the Good News.

We too are in a very similar situation but on a much larger global scale. Apprehensive and uncertain, we are lockdown in our homes and wait for a break-through. We find ourselves as a society losing control of our lives and hopes in the future.

The impact of Covid 19 only revealed the soft under belly of our societies. So how do we respond to the flotsam and jetsam that’s being left behind: the migrants on foot, the sick and the dying, the vulnerable, the hungry, the jobless,….

Every crisis is an invitation to move forward, or if we fail to meet it, we regress. The lack of empathy and compassion for unfortunates so cruelly affected by this crisis, will ‘decivilise’ our societies.

This is a collective crisis, it demands a collective response. The Holy Spirit is the *Antrayamin*, the comforter, our advocate, the inner voice that speaks to our consciences and deepest unconscious. We cannot discern the voice of the Spirit in the desert of noise that surrounds our lives. So we pause and pray together for another Pentecost to renew our lives. We invite all of goodwill to this venture.

(Rudi Heredia)

**Reading:**

**Acts 2: 1-11**: They were filled with the Holy Spirit, Universalism of the Church

 and/ or

**John 20:19-23:** Receive the Holy Spirit

**Time for Reflections and Intercessions**

**Response: Holy Spirit, Our *Antaryamin*, kindle in us the Fire of your love**

**H**oly Spirit enrich us with your gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

**H**elp us to have compassion for the migrants who are suffering inhumanly in the rigours of their walk home.

**T**hat we be open to the call of the Spirit to hear and respond to the voice of the Antaryamin in the context of the present crisis

**T**he Society of Jesus is your work. We ask you to help us to be faithful to our call, to discern the signs of the times and respond to them in the most approatiate manner in the spirit of MAGIS.

**H**elp us to be fires that kindles other fires, so that our collective eeforts can enlighten the whole universe.

**W**e thank you that you have inspired in us in the Society in S. Asia to a meaningful response to the need of the hour. We implore the Spirit to continue to inspire us.

**G**od who taught us the dignity of work, help us to treat our labourers with the human dignity they deserve.

**Add own reflections and intercessory prayers**

**A few moments of Silence**

**Concluding Prayer**- Holy Spirit the *Antaryamin* (Attached)

**Concluding Hymn**

Prayer: Rudi Heredia, SJ & Vincent Ekka, SJ