

## Religious Education Task– 13.5.20

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Last week, we learnt about how the Church celebrates Pentecost. We discovered how Pentecost is sometimes called the 'birthday' of the Church. Each year, Christians remember and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, the new energy, the new power that he gives to the friends of Jesus.

***Today we are going to focus on how the Holy Spirit energises us.***

On Pentecost day, God's Holy Spirit showered gifts upon the friends of Jesus, gifts which were different kinds of energy, gifts which transformed them. To help Christians live as followers of Jesus the Holy Spirit gives them different kinds of gifts so everyone can help one another. St. Paul explains this in his first letter to the people living in Corinth. He reminds the people that everyone has different abilities but that the Holy Spirit helps them in different ways.

[Explore the reading below based on I Corinthians 12: 4-8, 11](#)



### Task 1

*Think carefully about the questions below and then write your answers on the blog or in your homework book.*

1. What gift/energy, would you like to have? Why?

2. How can Christians be open to the Spirit and use their gifts for the good of others? Why would they do this?

## Task 2

The prayer to the Holy Spirit.



Explore the words in the prayer and their meaning. Create a piece of Artwork to represent the prayer to the Holy Spirit. You might like to do a sketch or use colours or paints to portray your ideas about seeking the Holy Spirit. You could even add some of the prayer into your work or select key words that stand out to you.

Upload a picture of your Artwork, and I can add your pieces to the gallery.

### Extension

The gifts of the Holy Spirit enable people to live as Christians. Last week you shared your own ideas about what gifts the Holy Spirit may bring us. There are seven particular gifts, which are linked together and help people to lead good lives and make use of the gifts they have. These gifts should be used to help others.

**Wisdom** – that is the gift to be sensible and not to jump to conclusions but be thoughtful.

**Understanding** – enables people to be compassionate and to take time to find out and be able to appreciate what is happening.

**Counsel** – means using wisdom and understanding to come to a good decision about something.

**Fortitude** – there are times when everyone needs to be brave in standing up for what they believe to be right and holy.

**Knowledge** – without knowledge you cannot make right judgements or have an understanding. It takes practice to have true knowledge.

**Piety** – this is about reverence and respect for God, for one another and for oneself.

**Fear of the Lord** - this gift enables people to recognise the awe and wonder of God and be amazed by the love and goodness of God.

### Question for thinking...

Which of the gifts of the Holy Spirit do you think is the most important to you? Why?

