



Leader lights the candle

Leader: As this candle is lit, may it remind us of the fire and zeal of Pentecost, which inflamed our hearts at Baptism. May the Holy Spirit of God's love continue to ignite our hearts with a burning desire to share God's love and life with others.

All: Gracious and all-loving Father, out of love for all people, You spoke Your Word who became flesh for our salvation. May your Word transform us so that the message of Your Son, our Lord, may be echoed through our teaching and leadership. Allow us to guide the hearts of those whom we teach and lead in such a way that they will enter more deeply into Your way of truth and salvation. Grant us the insight needed to lead them to know, love, and serve You. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may they become hearers and followers of Your Word, so that they might help transform the world to follow the way of life to which Your Son has called us all, for he lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Leader: Lord God, source of all wisdom and knowledge, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us and to proclaim his message of faith, hope, and love to all nations.

All: In Your goodness, bless us who have offered ourselves as catechists and leaders for Your Church. Strengthen us with your gifts that we may teach and lead by word and by example the truth that comes from You.

In Christ, God has revealed His love and His truth. May He make us witnesses to the Gospel and to the divine love.

The Lord Jesus promised to be with his Church until the end of the world. May he give power to our actions and our words.

May the Spirit of the Lord be with us, so that we may help the ministers of his Word.

And may almighty God bless us all, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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