Friday, April 30: Philippians 2: 1-2; the Holy Spirit creates in us affection and sympathy for each other through unity.

Saturday, May 1: 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20; because the Holy Spirit makes His home in us, we have constant access to God.

Sunday, May 2: Titus 3: 4-7; the Holy Spirit applies to us the grace of God through Christ.

Monday, May 3: 1 Thessalonians 1: 2-10, journal vv. 6-7; the Holy Spirit gives us joy amidst trials,

Tuesday, May 4: Jude 1: 17-21, journal v. 20; the Holy Spirit helps us pray, especially during trials.

Wednesday, May 5: John 6: 63: the Holy Spirit gives us new life.

Thursday, May 6: 1 Corinthians 2: 9-16, journal vv. 12-13; the Holy Spirit instructs us and gives us spiritual wisdom.

Friday, May 7: Acts 16: 6-7; the Holy Spirit gives specific direction when we seek it.

Saturday, May 8: John 3: 1-8, journal vv. 5-6; the Holy Spirit is integral to our being born again to eternal life.

Sunday, May 9: Hebrews 2: 4; the Holy Spirit gives us spiritual gifts.

Monday, May 10: Romans 8: 1-4; the Holy Spirit sets us free from the law and death.

Tuesday, May 11: 2 Corinthians 3: 7-11; the Holy Spirit brings God glory through His work in us.

Wednesday, May 12: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-13; the Holy Spirit makes all believers one in unity.

Thursday, May 13: Galatians 4: 4-7; the Holy Spirit assures us of our sonship, of our adoption by God.

Friday, May 14: 1 John 4: 13; the Holy Spirit enables us to abide in Christ.

Saturday, May 15: 2 Corinthians 1: 21-22; the Holy Spirit guarantees our salvation.

Sunday, May 16: Romans 15: 13; the Holy Spirit enables us to abound in hope, because of Him we don't give up.

Monday, May 17: John 14: 25-27; the Holy Spirit helps us remember what we have learned about Jesus.

Tuesday, May 18: Ephesians 6: 10-18, journal vv.17-18; the Holy Spirit protects us by the recollection of the Word of God.

Wednesday, May 19: Philippians 1: 19-20; the Holy Spirit helps us pray.

Thursday, May 20: 2 Timothy 1: 14; the Holy Spirit guards the good deposit, the gospel message, in us.

Friday, May 21: Ephesians 4: 30; the Holy Spirit seals us for redemption.

Saturday, May 22: John 16: 13-15; the Holy Spirit guides us into all truth.

Pentecost Sunday, May 23: Galatians 5: 19-26; Review both lists, give thanks to God for the Holy Spirit's work in freeing you from your sins listed. Then review the fruits of the Spirit and ask the Lord to increase these in you according to your need. Take some time to pour out a prayer of thanksgiving for all the ways the Holy Spirit works in your life.



Today we celebrate Easter, the joyous celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave, and the joyous celebration of sin being fully and finally defeated in our lives! It is the pinnacle of the church year and, unknown to me until just recently, the beginning of the 50-day season known as Eastertide. "During this time, we observe Jesus' ascension into heaven and the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church on the Day of Pentecost, which marks the end of the season." Jenn Giles Kemper, Sacred Ordinary Days.

Whereas Lent is marked by fasting, this is a time marked by feasting. We "feast" out of gratitude for what Christ accomplished for us on the cross and for the gift of the Holy Spirit given as our Helper in his absence. As I contemplated the meaning of this next season in the liturgical year, I was immediately struck by the fact that it is a season marked by gratitude. I have, at various times in my life, kept a gratitude journal and I've known it to be a very worthwhile practice. So, as I was considering how to celebrate this newly discovered season, I was led to join two aspects of it together. Fifty days of practicing gratitude for all that the Holy Spirit does in our lives as people marked by the resurrection of Christ.

This next Scripture Journaling Plan will begin on Easter Monday, April 5, 2021 and go through the Day of Pentecost on Sunday, May 23, 2021. For each day there are verses to write out and a gratitude prompt for you to reflect and journal on.

I am excited to embark on this new plan and, as always, eager to hear from you what you are learning along the way. Thank you for following and God's richest blessings as you mine the treasures of His Word.

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Monday, April 5: John 14: 15-18; the Holy Spirit is our helper who dwells with us forever.

Tuesday, April 6: Romans 8: 12-17; the Holy Spirit affirms our adoption into the family of God.

Wednesday, April 7: Romans 14: 17-19; the Holy Spirit promotes peace among believers.

Thursday, April 8: Ephesians 3: 16; the Holy Spirit strengthens and empowers us, He affirms God's love for us in Christ.

Friday, April 9: John 16: 7-11; the Holy Spirit convicts us.

Saturday, April 10: Galatians 5: 16-18; the Holy Spirit helps us to overcome our flesh, He keeps us from falling back into works.

Sunday, April 11: 1 Peter 1: 1-2; the Holy Spirit is a vital part of our sanctification (our growth in holiness).

Monday, April 12: Romans 8: 26-27; the Holy Spirit is our intercessor.

Tuesday, April 13: Ephesians 1: 17-18; the Holy Spirit gives us the wisdom to know God.

Wednesday, April 14: Acts 13: 4; the Holy Spirit directly guides us according to God's providence.

Thursday, April 15: Ephesians 4: 1-6; the Holy Spirit enables us to walk in unity.

Friday, April 16: 2 Timothy 1: 7; the Holy Spirit helps us overcome fear.

Saturday, April 17: Acts 1: 8; the Holy Spirit enables us to witness to the ends of the earth.

Sunday, April 18: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11, journal v.11; the Holy Spirit gives

each of us gifts for the benefit of the church.

Monday, April 19: 2 Corinthians 3: 14-18, journal v. 17; the Holy Spirit brings freedom from the Old Covenant.

Tuesday, April 20: Galatians 3: 1-9, journal vv. 2-3; the Holy Spirit frees us from the law to walk in faith.

Wednesday, April 21: Galatians 5: 5-6; the Holy Spirit enables us to grow in saving faith.

Thursday, April 22: Ezekiel 36: 26-27; the Holy Spirit gives us a new heart to obey God.

Friday, April 23: 2 Corinthians 3: 4-6; the Holy Spirit gives us new life through a New Covenant.

Saturday, April 24: John 15: 26-28; the Holy Spirit enables us to see truth.

Sunday, April 25: Ephesians 1: 13-14; the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our salvation.

Monday, April 26: Galatians 6: 6-10; the Holy Spirit enables us to do good to others.

Tuesday, April 27: Ephesians 5: 15-21; give thanks that we can be filled repeatedly with the Holy Spirit according to our needs.

Wednesday, April 28: Romans 8: 5-8; the Holy Spirit enables us to put to death the things of the flesh and therefore please God.

Thursday, April 29: 2 Thessalonians 2: 13-15, journal v. 13; the Holy Spirit aids us in sanctification and grows our belief in the truth, He opens our eyes to more truth.