



Wednesday Prayer

Pentecost Sunday – Renewed through the Spirit

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. Psalm 104: 24, 27-30

In this Psalm of praise for all of God's creation, we are reminded of how God is the source of all. Sometimes we may wonder how the world can provide for so many different needs. We may find ourselves worried and doubting that there is enough to go around, whether we are referring to time, resources, money, care for creation or care for others. We need to be reminded that it is not all up to us; we need to look to God to provide and sustain us in our lives and in our work.

God sends his spirit to dwell in us, no matter who we are or how well equipped we might feel. Over the years, many of you have recognized your prayers and actions with Cherish All Children as the spirit at work in you. You have blessed this ministry with your various gifts of time, money, and devotion to caring for the safety of children and youth. I, too, have felt the spirit at work in my interactions with people as we partner in this work together. Some have shared their own painful stories, or one of a young person in their church who has suffered at the hands of another. They are looking for renewal, for the spirit of God in their healing process. I am grateful to be entrusted with these stories and for the ways the Holy Spirit works through us.

Holy Spirit, renew us in this work to protect children and youth from exploitation. Help us to continue to see your hand in all that we do, that our prayers and praise are lifted up to care for the needs in our world. Amen.

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