

**HINCKLEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.
PRAYERS FOR WEEK BEGINNING MAY 20th 2024
THIS IS THE DAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY**

I am a new creation

Today, we celebrate the birth of the church on the day of Pentecost. We thank the Holy Spirit for filling the lives of ordinary people like us on that day, enabling us to do extraordinary things in your name, O Lord.

Peter boldly proclaimed the power of this Spirit to everyone gathered there that day. Sometimes, we lose perspective on just how powerful this gift is. We theorise and theologise and, in doing so, the magnitude of this Power gets watered down. Help us regain a proper sense of awe and wonder when we think about this gift beyond words.

Creation is groaning around us, and we now know how much strain we have put on our planet, God's marvellous creation, because of our selfish desires. Help us live out our calling as people filled with your Spirit. Help us take seriously our commission to reach out in love to those who are lost and afraid. We pray for strength for the times when we feel weak and this all feels impossible.

We praise you, Lord, for this amazing, incredible gift, the gift of your presence with all your people in the past, present, and future. We pray that You embolden us and send us out to do all we can to serve those whom You love in the power of the Spirit.

Amen.

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