

Prayer for our new Partnership

Priest: Just as a human body is a single unity with many parts, so our partnership (N) is made up of many people with many gifts. Today we recall the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and we ask the Lord to fill our hearts with that same fire of love and breath of life as we commit ourselves to God's service.

Reader: Walk beside us on the journey we take.
In this endeavour be our beginning,
in the winding ways, sure guide
and in our endings, glad homecoming.

All: **Sharing many gifts and given many ways
to serve, make us one Body, one Spirit as
we give ourselves to you.**

Reader: Encourage us on the steep hillside,
fill our hearts with joy on the sloping path.
Make the widest gulf seem but a stream,
the highest climb a simple step.

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to serve, make us one Body, one Spirit as
we give ourselves to you.**



Reader: Be the bright sunshine of our days
and refreshing dew upon the dusty track.
In darkest night be the polestar of our hope
and moonlight to shadowed fear.

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to serve, make us one Body, one Spirit as
we give ourselves to you.**

Reader: Make us true friends to those in need,
Samaritans to those who fall at the side.
Send help when we stumble and stray,
and when we are lost, save us.

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Reader: May our family of parishes witness to your truth,
serve you in the needy, the sick and the sorrowful,
a home of prayer and safe haven of care,
a partnership of faith, of hope, and of love.

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Priest: May the Holy Spirit lead our Church and our
Diocese as in the time of the Apostles. That we
may remain faithful to their teaching, to the needs
of others, to the Breaking of Bread and to prayer.

