



### ***On Pentecost***

*May the Peace that only Christ can give be with us all. Let us pray together for that peace, and for unity, in our homes, in our fraternities, in our Church, in our country and in our world. Come, Holy Spirit!*

**On Pentecost** all the brothers used to gather for a chapter near the church of Saint Mary of the Portiuncula. At the chapter they would discuss how they could better observe the Rule. They appointed brothers who would preach to the people throughout each of the provinces, and assigned brothers in their province. Saint Francis used to give the brothers admonitions, corrections and precepts, as it seemed best to him, after consulting the Lord. Everything, however, that he said in word, he would first, with eagerness and affection, show them in deed. ... He used to tell them: *"As you announce peace with your mouth, make sure that you have greater peace in your hearts, thus no one will be provoked to anger or scandal because of you. Let everyone be drawn to peace and kindness through your peace and gentleness. For we have been called to this: to cure the wounded, to bind up the broken, and to recall the erring. Many who seem to us members of the devil will yet be disciples of Christ."*

*The Anonymous of Perugia, 37,38*

*Pentecost blessings,  
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