



## Opening prayer #2



*for the 2020 Pentecost Offering of the Church of the Brethren*

Giver of all life,  
In these days of pandemic,  
we have a heightened awareness of breath—  
especially our own and that of others.  
But today, in precious moments of  
respite from our current distress,  
we rejoice in the breath of the Holy Spirit!  
Jesus breathed into the disciples' souls and  
gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
We eagerly seek the Holy Spirit's animating breath.  
We yearn for this breath to find its way into our souls—  
individually, and collectively, as a body of present-day disciples.  
Breathe on us, breath of God;  
fill us with life anew! Amen.