

Great Thanksgiving
(*Pentecostal Passion*)

Be ignited!

Our hearts burn with love's passion.

Do not quench love's flames.

We fan them with enthusiasm.

Do not hide your divine light from the world.

We present it boldly for all to see.

We are so excited about the burning passion You have placed within our hearts.

We are so thankful that even while we were still sinners and in rebellion against Your love

You took a coal from Your holy altar to touch our unclean lips.

If we were to keep silent about the glories of Your salvation,
this holy fire within us would consume us.

The wind of Your Spirit strengthens the flame of Your love
sanctifying us,

perfecting us in Your all consuming love:

we love not just those who love us, but like You, we love even those who seek us harm;

we love not for gain, but like You, we love even when it costs us everything dear;

we love not just those who believe like us, but like You, even those we disagree with;

we love not just our lives, but like You, all of life:

every person, every animal, every bird, every plant, every fish, every bug,

every stream, every mountain, and every star in the sky.

The light of your love illuminates the world so we see it as You do,

and with love we echo your perception that it is all so very good.

This is why we join with all who are touched by Your flame on earth and in heavens to sing
together:

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

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Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

We want our lives to shine like the life of Jesus did.

Jesus started to share Your love first with his mother.

Then the father who worked so hard to protect this babe for the hated of men.

Love touched shepherds and magi and even the heavenly hosts.

Jesus shared love with the teachers in the temple and later with fishermen, tax collectors,
centurions, mothers and children, sinners, outcasts, the unclean, the unholy, foreigners,
Samaritans, and even a few holy men who struggled to humble themselves before him.

The greatest commandment was to love.

The newest commandment was to love.

Loved lived out by sharing food,

giving blessing,
casting out demons,
healing the sick,
and by washing feet.

Jesus identified with Your love demonstrated
by the Passover bread and Your continuing desire to deliver the oppressed.
With thanksgiving Jesus became the bread saying:
“Take and eat this is my body given for you.”
Experience the burning passion of God’s love.

Jesus identified with Your love demonstrated
by the Passover cup and Your vision of peace for all.
With thanksgiving Jesus become the wine saying:
“Everyone drink with me, for this is the cup of my blood,
poured out to celebrate God’s covenant of salvation,
with you and all who will believe.”
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You are so passionate that nothing can separate us from Your love.
It is overwhelming.
It stretches us beyond belief.
Our love only feels only strangely warm,
compared to the raging inferno of Your passion for the salvation of the world.
We want Your Pentecostal passion to be our own,
so we proclaim from the depth of our hearts:

When Christ died, we thought Your fire went out.
When Christ arose, You became our refining fire.
Christ comes again as we let Your fire of love covers the face of the earth.

Pentecostal Passion, Perfect Love
consume us with this bread and wine
as they become for us the body and blood of Christ,
Your love in every soul.

Pentecostal Passion, Perfect love
consume the world with our lives, our passion, our love
as we become your church, the loving body and passionate bride of Christ,
Your love in every soul.

Pentecostal Passion, Perfect love
consume all in us that is not love.
Consume our jealousies, and our pride.
Consume our politics, our wills and our ways.
Perfect us in love and let it transform the world starting with us.

**Consume us with the love that was in Jesus Christ who died for everyone.
Consume us with the love that flows to empower us from the Holy Spirit.
Consume us with the love that is You,
so that the whole universe screams out Your name in gratitude, now and forever. Amen.**

Now let us join together as one heart filled with love to pray the prayer of Jesus: