



**What Happens When You Pray In Tongues?  
Sunday Sermon  
Sunday May 03, 2026 – Sermon Outline**

**PERSONAL TESTIMONY**

**WHY PRAY IN TONGUES?**

Tongues – an opportunity to partner with God in prayer, to serve others and also for our personal spiritual growth.

**IS PRAYING IN TONGUES FOR TODAY?**

- 1, Jesus is still the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11, Acts 1:5, Acts 2:1-4)**
- 2, Jesus said those who believed in Him will speak in new tongues (Mark 16:17-18)**
- 3, The promise of the Holy Spirit is still for us today (Acts 2:38-39)**
- 4, The Holy Spirit is still at work in the Church and expresses Himself through His gifts (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)**
- 5, Believers are encouraged to desire spiritual gifts and to speak in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:1,39)**

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU PRAY IN TONGUES?**

**1, Praying beyond boundaries**

**1 Corinthians 14:2,14,15**

**2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.**

**14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.**

**15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.**

**2. Personal edification**

**1 Corinthians 14:4**



He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

**Jude 1:20-21**

**20** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

**21** keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

### **3. Personal unveiling of mysteries – receiving the mind of God**

**1 Corinthians 14:2**

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

**1 Corinthians 2:9-10**

**9** But as it is written: "EYE HAS NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NOR HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN THE THINGS WHICH GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

**10** But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

### **4. Personal refreshing and renewal**

**Isaiah 28:11-12 (1 Corinthians 14:21)**

**11** For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people,

**12** To whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," And, "This is the refreshing"; Yet they would not hear.

### **5. Deep intercession empowered by the Spirit**

**Romans 8:26-27**

**26** Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

**27** Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

### **6. Overcoming our weaknesses**

### **7. Always aligned to the will of God**



## 8. Staying in the love of God

Jude 1:20-21

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

## 9. A means for prophecy

1 Corinthians 14:5,13

5 I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

13 Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

## IS PRAYING IN TONGUES AVAILABLE FOR ALL BELIEVERS?

Yes.

The Lord Jesus indicated this in Mark 16:17-18

As we saw earlier, all believers are encouraged to desire spiritual gifts and to speak in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:39)

**Testimony (BCBS first time praying for others to receive)**

**Testimony (Manipal: AC Mathew, Chris Verghese)**

## PRAY A LOT IN TONGUES

1 Corinthians 14:18

I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

## GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

## SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



**LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE**



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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

**Preparation**

**Life Group Leader:** To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

**LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture references: *see below*

**INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*1, If you were to explain what praying in tongues is to a new believer, what would you say, to help this person understand why praying in tongues is so useful, according to the Scriptures.*

*2, How do we know praying in tongues is still for us as believers, today, according to the Scriptures?*



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3, *Discuss what happens when we pray in tongues according to the Scriptures.*

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, *families to be protected and strengthened*

2, *a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*

3, *for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.*

Close by thanking God together.



**USEFUL RESOURCES**

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

**FREE BOOKS:** <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>



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**E-LEARNING:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>  
**WEEKEND SCHOOLS:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>  
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### SERMON OUTLINE

In this sermon we share insights that help us understand why praying in tongues is so useful, according to the Scriptures. We explain based on the Scriptures how we know praying in tongues is still for us as believers, today. according to the Scriptures. We also discuss what happens when we pray in tongues according to the Scriptures. We then lead the congregation to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit and encourage people to express the Holy Spirit gift of speaking in tongues. Join the congregation in this prayer and receive the outpouring of the Spirit right where you are. This sermon includes free audio (mp3) and video of this powerful, motivational, expository teaching, free printable PDF sermon outlines, sermon notes and small group study guide with discussion questions and presentation slides. All resources (sermon PDF, sermon MP3, sermon video, sermon presentation) are free for use in personal study, small groups, Bible study prayer groups, local churches, conferences, Bible colleges, etc.

### KEYWORDS

praying in tongues, speaking in tongues, glossolalia, gift of tongues, unknown tongues, baptism in the Holy Spirit, sermons, sermon notes, sermon outline, free sermon notes, free sermon outlines, Bible study resources

### REFERENCES/CITATIONS

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