



THY KINGDOM COME

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Resource Pack

Please help yourself, and feel free to pass a pack onto any family members, friends or neighbours who might like one

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What is Thy Kingdom Come?

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
- Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

This year, Archbishop Justin invites us to pray particularly for:

- family & friends we want to see come to faith
- for those members of the church we've perhaps *lost* over the course of the pandemic, that they will come back
- for those who have engaged with the church online during the pandemic, that they will join us in person

In this pack, we have gathered together a small selection of prayer resources from the *Thy Kingdom Come* team which you may wish to use at home. Many more can be found on the Thy Kingdom Come website

Praying for the Gifts of the Spirit

The Acts of the Apostles, the sequel to Luke's Gospel, continues the account the author began in the Gospel. *'In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day He was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen.'* (Acts 1:1-2)

In the forty days between His resurrection and ascension, Jesus instructed and equipped the apostles for their ministry. (Think too of how Moses was 40 days with God on the mountain receiving the law, and how Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness following His baptism preparing to begin His public ministry.) William Kurz S.J. writes, "During this interval, the risen Jesus continued to teach His followers about the Kingdom of God... the fulfilment of Israel's hope. Before taking any action, the apostles are to wait until they are empowered by the Spirit from on high, since only then will they have the divine grace and power they need to carry out their daunting commission. Christian faith is grounded in the eyewitness testimony of the apostles who encountered Jesus alive after His death." (Kurz, W. S. *Acts of the Apostles*, 2013; p. 28/29)



Like the first apostles, we, as Christian Disciples in our generation, are called to give eyewitness testimony to those around us of the marvellous things God is doing in and through our lives. We do not, however, do this on our own; it is the Holy Spirit working in and through us.

I invite you to join me during *Thy Kingdom Come 2021* in praying that God's Holy Spirit may fill us all, and direct our hearts and minds, our prayer and our actions, that Christ's Church may continue to grow spiritually and numerically.

Fr. Owain

Praying for Five Friends

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do; persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives. Consistently praying for others takes discipline, and there are many ways that we can build up habits that will help us to pray for our friends and family.

Choose five people you would like to pray for. If you're not sure who to pray for, ask God to guide you as you choose. Commit to praying for them regularly.

Lord, I hold before you

and my neighbours on _____ (The street you live on) and every resident of New Mills.

I pray to you, asking that they may come to faith, to know, love and serve you.

You build your church through the power of your Spirit. By the same Spirit enable me to witness to these, showing your love, beauty and grace. That they may come to the fellowship of the faithful for Your Glory. Amen

(TKC 2016)

Here are five easy ways to pray for five people regularly. Choose the one that suits you best.

1. **Piece of string** - Take a piece of string or cord, and tie five knots in it to represent each of the five people you have committed to pray for. You could carry the knotted string in your pocket, tie it round your wrist or place it somewhere that you'll see it regularly. Use the knots to remind you to pray for each person on your list of five.

2. **Small stones** - Find five small stones (light coloured ones are best) and write each of the people on your list onto each of the stones. Place them on your desk, bedside table or fireplace as a reminder to pray. Alternatively, you could place each stone in a different room of your home and pray for each person as you enter or leave the room.

3. **Business prayer card or bookmark** Grab a piece of card that will easily fit inside your wallet, purse or book. Write your list of five names onto the card before putting it in your wallet or book. Use this card as a daily reminder to pray for them.

4. **Prayer Alerts** Add your list of five people to the alerts section of your phone and set reminders to pray for them. You could choose one name per day, or pray for all five across your day. Remember to set alerts for a suitable time where you can stop to pray for your list.

5. **Post-it Notes** Use five post-it notes and write one name onto each. Stick them onto your mirror, above your bed or somewhere that you'll see them regularly and will be reminded to pray.

Prayer Walking

Prayer walking in our local community

Prayer walking is as simple as it sounds - praying as you walk. When we prayer walk we are stepping into our authority as God's children to bless people and places in Jesus' name. This simple task is a great way to bring transformation to your local community by asking God to break in.

Here's how to get started.

KNOW YOUR LOCAL AREA

Know the places and people that make up your local community. What jobs do people do? What ethnicities and social classes live in your area? How many sacred buildings are there?

KNOW LOCAL PEOPLE

Find out what the needs are in your local community by speaking to those in your area.

KNOW LOCAL NEEDS

Are there problems with unemployment, crime or poverty in your area? You could put all of this information onto a physical map of your community, or write it down in one place. This will help inform your prayers, and you can add to it the more you prayer walk.

GET PRAYER WALKING

The core of prayer walking is conversing with God; ask Him to show you what He sees; to know His heart for your community.

TRY GOING IN PAIRS

Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs. It's not as intimidating as a large group, and is safer than people going on their own. If you have a larger group, breaking into pairs can help you to pray for different parts of your area.

CHOOSE WHETHER OR NOT TO PLAN YOUR ROUTE

You can plan ahead to ensure that you pray for specific places, or simply ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time - just make sure you don't get lost!

USE YOUR NATURAL AND SUPERNATURAL SENSES

As you prayer walk, be aware of your surroundings: what you see, smell, hear and touch. But also be aware of what God is saying to you as you move around your community; if any Bible verses pop into your head or if you have any pictures, visions or words of knowledge. Turn these natural and supernatural senses into prayer.

CHOOSE WHETHER TO PRAY SILENTLY OR ALOUD

The point of prayer walking isn't about being seen praying; it's about seeing and praying. You can pray quietly together or in silence if it makes you feel more comfortable. However, don't be afraid to speak out prayers if you feel compelled to.

PRAY FOR OTHERS

As you prayer walk, the focus is on those who are living in your community so be intentional about praying for God's blessings on what you see and feel. Even in difficult areas, try to pray positively. Focus on God's plans and purposes for the place and people that live there. "Your Kingdom come, your will be done..." is an excellent start.

ENDING WELL

If you've prayed in different places, share what you've prayed and heard from God. Write down what you share so that you can keep track of how to pray for your area.

KEEP GOING

After your prayer walk, keep praying for your community. You might like to arrange specific prayer meetings or further prayer walks for your area. Prayer walking is also a way of claiming a specific area for God. When Joshua and the army were claiming Jericho, God instructed them to walk around the city for six days, and seven times on the seventh day. Why not make your walk a physical prayer by repeating it for a week?

As you keep praying, continue to ask for God's blessing in your area; praying for God's kingdom to come and His Will to be done in your area. If you feel that God is highlighting specific needs or challenges, think about how to take action; how could you and your Church be part of God's solution practically, as well as prayerfully?

(TKC 2018)

As I'm out and about, I'm usually, responding to what I see, feel, sense and know. It's simply a matter of praying for the people among whom we live, for their needs, their blessing, their coming to faith.

As I pass schools, businesses, care homes and residential houses, I hold these in prayer.

So, for example, passing St. George's CofE Primary School, I pray for the staff and students, the families of the pupils, the Governors and for all involved in the life of the school; I pray for their needs and desires, and education in general; I thank God for all who benefit from the school in any way, directly or indirectly, as they prepare pupils for life, and I hold any other thoughts that come to me as I pass by before God.

Another example is as I walk past the shops, I pray for industry, business and commerce, for the employers and employees, for the unemployed, for their customers and so forth. Smells also spark prayer... passing cafés brings to mind the hungry and thirsty, the homeless and the destitute. Travel Agents leads to prayers for all who travel by land, air or water, and for God's protection over them.

We simply hold our experiences before God, and ask Him to bless our efforts and intentions, and pray that He will be recognised and known in the life of our community.

Fr. Owain

Daily Prayer Intentions

Pray as you normally would, but for evangelisation

ASCENSION THURSDAY

Ascension: the call to share our faith

Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations. Matthew 28:18-19a

PRAYER INTENTION

For all Christians to have the confidence to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

FRIDAY

Know God better

My dear people, let us love one another, since love comes from God, and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. 1 John 4:11-12

PRAYER INTENTION

For all those who have lost sight of God, that they would see His love revealed in their lives.

SATURDAY

Trust

If you trust in the Lord and do good, then you will live in the land and be secure. If you find your delight in the Lord, he will grant your heart's desire. Psalm 36:3

PRAYER INTENTION

For those who feel isolated and alone, that they will develop meaningful relationships through a childlike trust in God.

SUNDAY

Forgiveness

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost, but may have eternal life. John 3:16

PRAYER INTENTION

For those in need of God's mercy, that they will know the joy of his forgiveness.

MONDAY

Openness

Look, I am standing at the door, knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in. Revelation 3: 20a

PRAYER INTENTION

For the hearts of those we know and love to be more open to Christ who waits to be invited in.

TUESDAY**Curiosity**

Ask, and it will be given to you. Matthew 7:7a

PRAYER INTENTION

For all those who are beginning to show an interest in matters of faith, that their curiosity will grow into a desire for the living God.

WEDNESDAY**Seek**

Search, and you will find. Matthew 7:7b

PRAYER INTENTION

For those who seek God, that their search may lead them to find their heart's desire.

THURSDAY**Encounter**

Knock, and the door will be open to you. Matthew 7:7c

PRAYER INTENTION

For us all to encounter the person of Jesus Christ and experience life lived to the full.

FRIDAY**Freedom**

When Christ freed us, he meant for us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1

PRAYER INTENTION

For those who are held down by past experiences, hurt or pain, that they may know the freedom that Christ brings when we follow him.

SATURDAY**Faith**

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. Hebrews 11:1

PRAYER INTENTION

For those who want to grow in faith, that we may all be filled with the hope of what is to come.

PENTECOST SUNDAY**Pentecost**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:4

PRAYER INTENTION

For the whole Church to be filled with the Holy Spirit 'as by a new Pentecost'. (Pope John XXIII Prayer in preparation for the Second Vatican Council)

Praying for Children, Youths and Young Families

The majority of Christians come to know Jesus as young people; this is something to be celebrated and excited about. However, there are less young people in the Church than ever before. Young people living in the UK today need our prayer. Here are five ways to pray for young people:

1. PRAY FOR JESUS TO BE KNOWN

Pray for the message of the Bible to reach young people across the UK; for Churches working with young people and organisations who support young people. Pray that Jesus would be known and for God's love to be understood by young people across our nation; who He is and who He has made them to be. Pray specifically for young people you know in your community.

2. PRAY THAT THE BIBLE WILL BE SHARED

Engaging with young people is a challenge that many Churches struggle with. Pray that whole churches will be equipped and passionate to reach young people; that God would bless the work of vicars, youth and school workers. Pray that each church in your area will see sharing the message of the Bible to the next generation as an essential part of their work.

3. PRAY GOD WOULD CALL YOUNG LEADERS

Jesus' disciples were probably teenagers or in their early twenties when they were called by Him. Pray that God would raise up young leaders who can reach their peers; that they will build and grow the future church in our nation.

4. PRAY FOR THE PRESSURES YOUNG PEOPLE FACE

Today, young people are crippled by the pressures of our increasingly digital culture, where pornography, cyber-bullying and online relationships are increasing. Huge numbers of young people come from broken families; there has been a rise in anxiety, depression and eating disorders among young people. Pray against these pressures, and for spiritual guidance from older Christians who can communicate God's love to them.

5. PRAY FOR ONE YOUNG PERSON YOU KNOW

Committing to pray for one person by name can bring transformation. Take a moment to ask God to bring one young person to mind. Commit to praying for them for the next three months

(TKC 2016 adapted)

Saint George's CofE Primary School Prayer

Oh Lord,
This is our school.
Let peace dwell here. Let the rooms be full of contentment, let love abide here.
The love of one another, the love of God and the love of life itself.
Let us remember that as many hands build a house; so many hearts make a school.
Amen.

Simple everyday ways families can pray together ...

Good times to pray together are those times you do something regularly, like brushing teeth, eating a meal or going to bed.

Keep prayer time short and simple, unless anyone insists on going on for longer.

Have a photo collage of family and friends to pray for and choose a different person to pray for each day.

Say thank you to God for one of the meals you eat each day. If you don't know any words to say, ask the children to say it.

Read a Bible story together and ask, 'What would you like to say to Jesus now?' and say 'Amen' at the end of whatever is said.

If you hear something tragic on the news, get into the habit of asking God out loud there and then to bless that situation, for example: 'God, please bless those people in Syria.'

If someone in the family talks about a difficult situation at work or at school, similarly pray for it briefly and matter-of-factly out loud there and then.

Lots of people like routine and ritual, so feel free to pray the same family prayer at the same time every day.

A good simple way of helping your family bring their concerns to God is to ask this set of questions each day (and be prepared to answer for yourself):

- What are you most thankful for today?
- What are you least thankful for today?
- When did you show love today?
- When weren't you kind today?
- What would you like to say to God about today

(TKC 2021)

A simple liturgy to use at home each day

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.

- 1 I will take you from the nations, ♦
and gather you from all the countries.
- 2 I will sprinkle clean water upon you, ♦
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.
- 3 A new heart I will give you, ♦
and put a new spirit within you,
- 4 And I will remove from your body the heart of stone ♦
and give you a heart of flesh.
- 5 You shall be my people, ♦
and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36.24-26,28b

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Bible Readings

You may wish to use one for each day of the week, reading it through a number of times prayerfully, then reflecting on it, asking God to speak to you through the words.

‘The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;’

Isaiah 61:1

Jesus said, ‘Do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say.’

Luke 12:11,12

‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

28.19,20

Matthew

‘You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’

Acts 1:8

‘But you are not in the flesh; you are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.’ *Romans 8:9*

‘Our competence is from God, Who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.’

1 Corinthians 3:6

‘The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’

Revelations 20:17

Prayers of intercession

Let us turn to the risen Lord,
who gives us the Spirit to make all things new, saying:
renew us in your love.

O Word of life,
one God with the Father and the Spirit:
renew us in your love.

O eternal Light,
who through the working of the Holy Spirit
received from the Virgin our human nature:
renew us in your love.

O crucified Redeemer,
by the eternal Spirit you offered yourself to the Father for us:
renew us in your love.

You breathed on the apostles the Spirit of your love,
that sinners might come to know the mercy of God:
renew us in your love.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
from whom we receive the gifts of the Spirit:
renew us in your love.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit
you wash away our sins in the waters of baptism
and open our hearts to the guiding hand of the Father:
renew us in your love.

Open prayer may be offered. Conclude your prayers with The Collect for the Day of Pentecost

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

As God's children, and heirs with Christ we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba', Father.

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayers

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and made known to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Conclusion

May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts and minds.
Alleluia. Amen.

Pray for

- Those who have been unable to worship in their churches or access on-line worship during the pandemic
- Those who have joined us for livestreamed worship during the pandemic
- Those whom we long to see come to faith and to take their place within the life of Christ's Church

Blessing our community ...

Using the **BLESS** acrostic can help us to focus on all of the felt needs of those we are praying for:

Body – health, protection, energy

Labour – employment/ unemployment, retirement, adequate income

Emootional – inner peace, joy, wisdom, insight, patience

Social – healthy relationships between spouses, parents, children, friends, reconciliation;
love

Spiritual – repentance, salvation, obedience, faith

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