

Thy Kingdom Come Prayers

These short one line prayers have been provided for us by our Local Preachers and worship Leaders:

Jesus, the Risen Christ, puts Himself in everybody's shoes, even those who don't have any shoes, and walks alongside anyone who calls His name. How Amazing is the Love of Jesus?

We are all Children of God and we pray that as we speak to others about His Word, we use language that will be understood, so that the Word of God takes root in many hearts. Amen.

We bring before you O Lord those who are alone. You know them and have called them by their name. May they come to call you by yours. Amen.

God of joy, remind us of the beauty to be found around us even when we feel at our most vulnerable and fragile. To those experiencing difficulties guide us to become hands of healing for them and give us even when we cry a song of joy to sing. Amen.

Give me time, Lord, to spend with you; give me comfort, Lord, to rest in your presence; give me ears, Lord, to hear you speak to me; give me strength, Lord, to do your will. Amen.

Lord Jesus, we love you and we praise you. Help us to love as you love. May our love help to reveal your presence to others this day. We pray especially for those who most need to find the light of your love in their lives. Amen.



In our prayers this week we

give thanks that Peter Dawson is home from hospital and is steadily recovering.

continue to pray for the family and friends of Elsie Geddie, Spondon, whose funeral will be held at the Dale Hill towards the end of the month.

remember Denise Wilkinson, Draycott, whose twin brother has recently died.

continue to pray for Dale Schnoor, Spondon, as he continues his treatment, giving thanks that there are signs of improvement in his condition.

we pray for primary school teachers and staff workers as they prepare for the return of children to school after half term. Working out how this can be done safely for staff and children.

pray for Linda Ellis, Spondon, who has joined her husband Peter in MHA Willowcroft, that they would both receive the care they need there.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer



Borrowwash, Draycott and Spondon

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Special

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Dear Friends

Welcome to this special edition of the **Bulletin**, which we hope finds you well.

What is special about this edition is that it is an invitation to pray with us and with Christians from over 172 countries during the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost, (21st—31st May) in a way that you are comfortable with. We are asking you to give up 10—15 minutes of your day to pray for your friends, your family and yourself. Sometimes it can be difficult to find the time among all the other busyness of the day, but this year we have time; time to speak to God and time to listen to him. We pray that you will be inspired to accept our invitation and join us in praying **Thy Kingdom Come**.

Colin and Judith

Thy Kingdom Come - What is it?

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Last year it was celebrated by Christians in 172 countries in what has been styled as a **global wave of prayer**.

Since May 2016, just four years ago, God has grown **Thy Kingdom Come** from a dream of possibility into a movement. Across the world, from Ascension to Pentecost, Christians have been praying together that the Holy Spirit would lead friends and family, neighbours and colleagues to faith in Jesus Christ.

This praying together has been across our diversity and differences as every person, household and church are encouraged to pray in their own way. In 2019, an astonishing 92% of people said they were praying for family and friends to come to faith in Jesus, and 40% of those taking part in 2019 did so for the first time.

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.

Through the centuries Christians have gathered at this time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. **Thy Kingdom Come** picks up this tradition. Over the past four years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

To find out more about **Thy Kingdom Come** visit www.thykingdomcome.global, where you will also find prayer ideas and resources.

Closing Thoughts

One of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray.' Luke 11:1

According to Luke, the Lord's Prayer was given to the disciples in response to this request. It is a request, I suspect, that we all make of our Father, through Jesus from time to time. So often we feel that our prayers are not adequate, we do not have the words with which to offer praise and adoration; our thanks can feel less than the worth of the gift; we can be repetitive in our petitions; we forget that God needs time to speak to us.

Sometimes, the most profound times with a friend or loved one is in the silent company of the other, a places where there is a oneness of heart, mind and spirit. The same is true with God. This is the being aspect of prayer; the place where you simply are and God simply is. It takes discipline to find it to stay there, but it is the most beautiful of places.

*Lord God,
lead us to the place where we can
be at one with you, where we can
hear your breath and feel your most
gentle touch;
lead us to the place where we can
be lost in your presence, where time
stops and each second lasts an
eternity and eternity is but a
second;
lead us to the place of assurance,
that we might know your love
mercy and plans for us. Amen.*

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Please remember those who are worse off than yourself

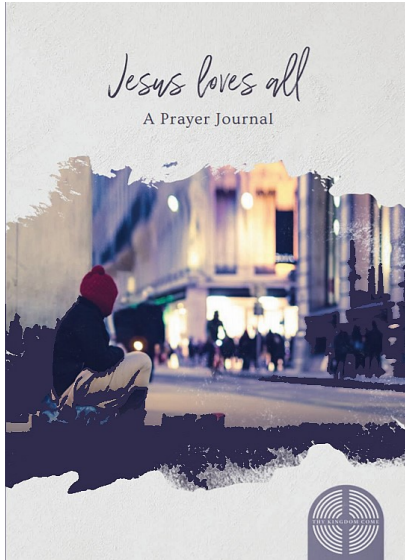
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Zoom Meeting ID : 771 4334 5903

or by Phone: 0131 460 1196 or 0203 481 5240 then Meeting ID followed by # then #

Resources

There is only one thing you need to be part of *Thy Kingdom Come* and that is a willingness to pray. However, the purpose of this time is to be focussed in our prayer and so we have sent out two publications to help in this respect, a Prayer Journal and a booklet called Nine Days of Prayer. They both offer a pattern of prayer that is listening and responding.



Jesus Loves all A Prayer Journal

Thy Kingdom Come has published a prayer journal for individual use.

On the inside front cover of the prayer journal are five blank spaces. These are for you to fill in with the names of people who

you want to commit to specifically pray for between Ascension and Pentecost, that they would come to know the love of God through Jesus. These could be friends, family, neighbours. Please remember to pray for them everyday, even when the *Prayer Journal* doesn't actually ask you to.

For each day there is a piece of scripture, a short reflection, a prayer and an action, reminding us that prayer involves listening to God, through his word, There are spaces to use in the journal for your thoughts and hopes.

The invitation is simply for people to pray in whatever way they want, whenever they want and wherever they can, that others might know Jesus Christ. Using the *Prayer Journal* may help to focus your thoughts and in a time when we cannot gather together it is good to know that many people are using the same prayers and readings meaning that we are praying together.

If you have not received your copies of these booklets by Tuesday 19th May, please contact Colin on 01332 670587

Other resources and prayer ideas can be found on the *Thy Kingdom Come* website at www.thykingdomcome.global. There are ideas for doing prayers differently and how to creatively develop a family prayer time.

We have also included in this *Bulletin* prayers from our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders.



Nine Days of Prayer I hear you differently

A novena, (from the latin novem, meaning nine), is an ancient tradition of devotional praying in Christianity, consisting of private or public prayers repeated for nine successive days. This explains both the title and the purpose of this booklet.

Because this book covers just nine days, and not the full 11 days of *Thy Kingdom Come*, we would recommend that you use it from the Friday after Ascension to the Saturday before Pentecost (22nd-30th May).

Nine Days of Prayer is about listening to God and reflecting on how we hear him speak to us. Each day follows the same pattern of praying, Pausing, Reading the scriptures and a hymn from *Singing the Faith*, reflecting on the Bible Passage, Listening to what God is saying. The hymn titles can be found elsewhere in this *Bulletin* (if needed a small number of copies could be posted out)

You could use this booklet at the same time as the *Prayer Journal*. Alternatively, you might use one in the morning and one in the afternoon or evening, giving yourself the gift of two concentrated times listening to God.

You can also join Colin and Judith on Zoom each evening at 7.00pm when they will be using the structure, readings and prayers from *Nine Days of Prayer*.

Like the *Prayer Journal*, this is an offering to you to use as and wish. May it enhance your relationship with God.

Bringing the Kingdom

'Thy Kingdom Come' means 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven'.

We cannot build the Kingdom. We cannot change the Kingdom and redefine it.

The Kingdom is God's eternal plan, established before the creation, for our wellbeing and for the wellbeing of all things. Genesis 1 describes how God created the visible, material world. The Holy Spirit hovered over the chaos and the ordered creation was formed. Human beings have messed it up, but the plan is unchanged.

In this time after Easter, let us ponder the words of St Paul: 'If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above', Colossians 3.1-2. .

We do not take our values from this world, nor are they changed by this world. 'For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come', Hebrews 13.14. We are 'fellow citizens with the saints' Ephesians 2.1.

We can bring the Kingdom by our choices and our lifestyle, by our principle of love, and our witness that there are values not determined and limited by money, politics, status and self seeking. When the Lord's will is done on earth as it is in heaven, then the Kingdom will be here.

Dr Margaret Barker

"From the very first gatherings of Methodists in Oxford, Methodism has always been suffused with prayer. Prayer is the foundation on which the Methodist Church is built and from which it seeks to fulfil its calling to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission"

The Revd Canon Gareth J Powell, former Secretary of the Methodist Conference

The candle is both a symbol of prayers ascending to God and of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Our final service at 7pm on 31st May will involve the lighting of candles to celebrate both these and as a sign that we offer The Light of the World.

Please, if you are able have a candle, or night light and lighter with you for this service.



Thy Kingdom Come Events Diary

- 21st May **Ascension Day**
Thy Kingdom Come begins
Start using the *Prayer Journal*
7.00pm Ascension Day service on Zoom*
- 22nd May **Friday**
23rd May **Saturday**
Start using *Nine Days of Prayer*
continue using *Prayer Journal*
7.00pm Novena on Zoom
- 24th May **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Continue using *Nine Days of Prayer*
and *Prayer Journal*
10.30am Sunday Worship on Zoom
Colin Emerson preaching
7.00pm Novena on Zoom
- 25th May **Monday to**
30th May **Saturday**
Continue using *Nine Days of Prayer*
and *Prayer Journal*
7.00pm Novena on Zoom
- 31st May **Pentecost**
Continue using *Prayer Journal*
10.30am Sunday Worship on Zoom
with Rev Chris Briggs,
District Mission Enabler
7.00pm *Thy Kingdom Come* final service
If you are able, bring candles
and matches.

*The ID for all these Zoom services is the one we use each Sunday, 771 4334 5903.

Hymns for use with *Nine Days of Prayer*

- Day 1 StF 450 Open, Lord my inward ear
Day 2 StF 703 In an age of twisted values
Day 3 StF 654 The peace of God comes close
Day 4 StF 273 Here hangs a man discarded
Day 5 StF 524 Listening God, you hear us when we cannot speak
Day 6 StF 673 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name
Day 7 StF 158 Lord, you sometimes speak in whispers
Day 8 StF 383 Holy Spirit, gift bestower
Day 9 StF 177 Lo, he comes with clouds ascending

Coffee Lounge 10:00 am.

Tuesday, Borrowwash / Wednesday, Spondon / Thursday, Draycott

Zoom Meeting ID: 850-4611-3985