



THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (this year from 10th to 20th May) for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

The **hope** is that:

- people will commit to pray with God's world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family.
- churches will hold prayer events, prayer stations and prayer walks, across the UK and in other parts of the world.
- people will be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

How will **you join in** this year? Maybe you could:

- Come to the **prayer evening on Friday 11 May** at St Mary's Church. It starts at 6pm with food, and you can come and go throughout the evening.
- Use one of the prayer resources for daily prayer available from the website www.thykingdomcome.global.
- Commit to start each day by saying the prayer below.

Almighty God,
your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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Week commencing 7 May

The Ascension reminds us that Jesus' absence is a vital link in God's fool-hardy plan to show his love to the world. We are left to finish what Jesus started. Use this week to pray about where God may be encouraging you to join in Jesus' work of sharing God's love.

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Week commencing 13 May

There is an opportunity this week to join in with the Thy kingdom come initiative (more details on the back page). One idea is to pray for five people who you want to tell about Jesus.

Loving Father, through Jesus your light and glory have blazed forth. Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends the life of your Son and your

Week commencing 20 May

Pentecost moves a timid group of disciples into powerful, confident proclaimers of good news throughout the world. A journey of transformation that continues today and that we can join in with. As you start each day ask for God's spirit to fill your life

Loving God, may your Spirit come to me, fill me with peace and love, and guide me in all that I do today. Amen .

Week commencing 27 May

Half term—maybe time for a change of pace, a change of scenery or a change in activities. Whether the change is welcome or not take time during the week to be aware of God's presence in whatever you are doing.

God of change, thank you for being present in all that we do. Help us this week to recognise the signs of your love in our lives. Amen.

Pentecost—the coming of the Holy Spirit

The images of Pentecost—wind, breath, fire, - have been a source of inspiration to hymn and song writers over the years. The results of their inspiration, which we sing each year, can also be treasure troves for personal prayer as we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives.

Use the hymns and songs (or your own personal favourite) as you join all who cry: 'Come Holy Spirit, come'.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
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Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me,
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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth;
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.

A prayer for Pentecost

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