



2020

What's it all about?

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for people to come to know Jesus. It runs from Ascension to Pentecost.

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

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

What are we doing?

During the 11 days of Prayer, I invite you to join me in a daily act of worship at 8:15am, either via Facebook Live or sitting quietly at home. After the service is over, look at the actions for the day, and spend some time thinking about your response to them.

#Pledge to Pray

List below the 5 people that you are praying for during Thy Kingdom Come

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different as only You can.

But before we do – just one thing. If you dare to pray this prayer, be ready that God will take you far more seriously than you take yourself. Be prepared not just to look on as an observer, but to take a full part in His mission to see His Kingdom Come.



Actions for Thursday 28th May: Adore

Deep down, we all want to be loved. And there is someone who doesn't just love us, He adores us. Even though He knows everything about us, He chooses to adore us. How will it change your day today to really know – deep down – that you are loved and adored by the God who made the universe?

How can you show one of the five people you are praying for that they are known and loved by God?

Actions for Friday 29th May: Celebrate

It's hard to celebrate at the moment in the midst of this pandemic. But we have a cause for celebration. We know God – the maker and holder of the whole universe. We are loved by Him unconditionally and have been given life for ever. We have reason to live and light to live by. These are things to celebrate... Why not take some time today to list the reasons you have to celebrate your relationship with God?

Think of the five people you are praying for. What is worth celebrating about your relationship with them?

Action for Saturday 30th May: Silence

Still yourself - Your head. Your hands. Your feet. Breathe in deeply. Hold it. Breathe out. Take 10 breaths. And listen to the quiet. The noise of the silence. Allow God to fill the space. Now what?

Listen to what God might have to say for your five and to you.

Actions for Sunday 31st May : Pentecost

Those friendships. That situation. That difficulty. Not to mention the pain and hardship in the lives of others around the world that you just can't bring yourself to imagine. And because all is not well with the state of the world – we pray: Thy Kingdom Come. We pray: Jesus, please bring change, make things

Daily Service

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

Draw your Church together, O God,
into one great company of disciples,
together following our Lord Jesus Christ
into every walk of life,
together serving him in his mission to the world,
and together witnessing to his love
on every continent and island.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord.
Amen.

We say Psalm 67 together

**1 God be gracious to us and bless us •
and make his face to shine upon us,**

**2 That your way may be known upon earth, •
your saving power among all nations.**

**3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; •
let all the peoples praise you.**

**4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, •
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.**

**5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; •
let all the peoples praise you.**

**6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, •
and God, our own God, will bless us.**

**7 God will bless us, •
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Daily readings and prayers

We read the reading for the day, followed by the prayers for the day, before continuing with the Lord's Prayer on page 10

Day 1: Thursday 21st May: Jesus

Reading John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Prayers

Lord God, on this day when you charged your followers to make disciples of all nations, give all Christians the confidence to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lord God, thank you that you gave your Son Jesus, for me and all people. Help me accept the love that you showed me in sending your Son. I pray for the five people who I name before you now[...] Please open their hearts to your love, and teach me to love more truly. Amen.

It's simply about our willingness to give it all. And hold nothing back for ourselves. Today, whatever you have to give – your time, your skills, your money, your heart – offer it all to God

We can't invite people to church at present. But church was never a building, and was always the people of God. How can we leave our comfort zones and imitate Jesus by reaching out to them?

Actions for Tuesday 26th May: Pray

Prayer is refusing to carry things ourselves. It is the practice of loading the things that are too heavy for us onto the shoulders of Jesus. And when we do, we find that there is not a burden, not a person, not a situation that He wasn't carrying already. When we whisper our prayers for the things we carry - if we listen closely enough - we hear back the whisper that He has been praying for them already. Don't bear your own burdens. Or those of others. Pray for them by loading them onto Jesus. And listen to what He is already praying for.

How could you remind yourselves to pray for your five people? Why not draw round one of your hands and write the names for the five people you are praying for on your fingers and thumb, and put it up somewhere where you will see it every day?

Actions for Wednesday 27th May: Help

We live with the lie that strength is found in doing it on our own and not admitting to having any weaknesses. God invites us to see the world the other way around. To admit you're weak is to be strong. To come clean that you're broken, is actually to be whole. To ask for help shows how together you really are. Jesus is here. Right by your side to help you. Put down your stubbornness and pride, and let Him in.

Look for ways that you can use what you have to help others today.

Actions for Friday 22nd May: Praise

Today, try to list ten things which are worth praising God for. They don't need to be big things, just the stuff that makes you smile. The stuff that you might tell others about, if you were telling them about God.

How could you share the joy and love that can be found in Jesus with one of the five people you are praying for?

Action for Saturday 23rd May: Thanks

One way is to live as if we're owed it all, that we deserve everything good that comes our way, and that anything bad we receive is an unfair mistake. The other way is to see it all as a gift. How might today be different if you choose to see all these gifts for what they are, and be thankful?

It's easy to take people for granted. Are there ways that you can show those who you are praying for how grateful you are to have them in your life?

Actions for Sunday 24th May: Sorry

Saying sorry is hard when it's a real sorry. When you say it, and really mean it. A true sorry has given up the fight of trying to prove you're right. To justify or explain. It's a coming clean. Come clean before God now. Everything. And ask Him to help you to really mean it too.

How will you lay aside something of importance to you, so as to better serve one of the five people who you are praying for?

Actions for Monday 25th May: Offer

Sometimes it can feel like there's so much need in the world. Five thousand, five million times more problems than we could possibly seek to solve. What on earth have we got to offer God, when we have so little? Think of the feeding of the 5,000, which began with 5 loaves and 2 fishes... The amount is never the issue.

Day 2: Friday 22nd May: Praise

Reading 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious, or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Prayers

Loving God, we pray for all those who have lost sight of you, that you will open their eyes to see clearly how you reveal your love for them in their lives. Amen.

Loving God, thank you for the way you love us. Please help me by the power of your Holy Spirit to love as you love, so that the five people who I name before you now[...] may come to know you as I do. Amen.

Day 3: Saturday 23rd May: Thanks

Reading: 1 John 4:9-10,19

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins...We love because he first loved us.

Prayers

Loving God, we pray for those who are isolated and alone, that they will form new friendships. Amen

Loving God, thank you that before we loved you, you loved us first. We recognise your love for us today and choose to love you too. Thank you for my friends and family Please open the eyes of the five people I name before you now [...] to the love

you have for them. Amen.

Day 4: Sunday 24th May: Sorry

Reading: Romans 5:6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Prayers

Loving God, we pray for all those in need of your mercy, that they will know the joy of your forgiveness. Amen.

Loving God, I am sorry for the times when I have not loved others as you love. Thank you, that before I thought of confessing, you had forgiven me. I confess all that is not right in my life today and ask for the forgiveness you so lovingly give. As I name the five people that I am praying for now [...], I pray that this love will transform their lives too. Amen.

Day 5: Monday 25th May: Offer

Reading: Luke 15:1-6

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “this fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable; “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “ Rejoice

**on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Conclusion

We go into the world
To walk in God’s light,
To rejoice in God’s love
And to reflect God’s glory.
Amen.

Actions for Thursday 21st May: Jesus

Are you close to Jesus today? Or feeling far from Him? Perhaps that doesn’t matter so much to Him. Perhaps what really matters is which way you’re heading. Are you walking, stumbling, trying to step through the mud toward Jesus? Or when you think about it, are you slowly drifting away? Come back to Him today. Turn around if you’ve been facing in the wrong direction; turn that walk into a run if you’re already heading towards Him

Is God bringing any of the five people for whom you are praying to your attention today? Ask God to show you what he wants to do for them.

Loving God, I name the five people I am praying for before you now [...] Speak to them in the silence. Amen.

Day 11: Sunday 31st May: Pentecost

Reading Acts 2:1-8

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

Prayers

Loving God, we pray that the whole church will be filled with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Holy Spirit, thank You that You are living in me, showing me God's love and helping me share that love with others. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us :

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;**

with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost."

Prayers

Loving God, we pray for the hearts of those we know and love , to be more open to Christ who waits to be invited in. Amen.

Loving God, thank you for coming to find us with your love. Please come to find the five people who I name before you now. [...] Amen.

Day 6: Tuesday 26th May: Pray

Reading: 1 John 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Prayers

Loving God, we pray 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. Amen.

Loving God, help me to know you more. Through knowing you, may I show you more, and love as you love. Please show your love for the five people I name before you [...] doing so through me and others who love you too. Amen.

Day 7: Wednesday 27th May: Help

Reading: 1 John 3:16-18

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth

and actions.

Prayers

Loving God, we pray for those who seek you, that their search may lead them to find their heart's desire. Amen.

Loving God, thank you for your costly love. Help us to love in truth and actions, using the gifts you have blessed us to help others. Please may the five people who I name before you now [...] understand something of the strength of your love for them. Amen.

Day 8: Thursday 28th May: Adore

Reading: Romans 8: 37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, not powers, nor heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers

Loving God, may we all encounter the person of Jesus Christ and experience life lived to the full. Amen.

Loving God, thank you for your love from which nothing can separate us, and which does not depend on our efforts. Please reveal this love in the lives of the five people I name before you now[...] Amen.

Day 9: Friday 29th May: Celebrate

Reading: Luke 15: 20-24

So he set off and went to his father. But when he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I

am not worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger, and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate."

Prayers

Loving God, we pray for those who are weighed down or held back by past experiences, hurt or pain; that they may know the freedom that Christ brings when we follow him. Amen.

Loving God, I name the five people I am praying for before you now[...] May you put them at that place on the road where they see you running to meet them. Thank you that you welcome us with joy, however distant we are; however long we've been away. Amen.

Day 10: Saturday 30st May: Silence

Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-13

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now here was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Prayers

Loving God, we pray for those who want to grow in faith that we may all be filled with the hope of what is to come. Amen.