



# THY KINGDOM COME

## A Global Prayer Movement

25th May – 4th June 2017

## Guide for Parishes and other Communities

*Thy Kingdom Come* is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishop of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. ‘To have a week of prayer for Christian mission is just a wonderful thing. Please do join in before Pentecost, this drive to pray together for the gift of God’s spirit for our mission. We know how rich Pentecost is in the life of the church from its very beginning. That richness can be ours too - if we ask God for it.’

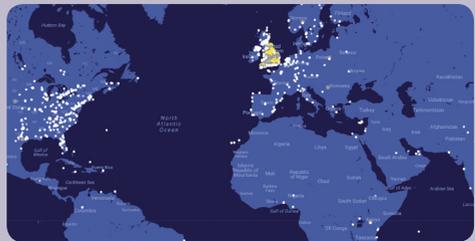
**Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster,**  
Joint President of the Council of Churches for England.



Diocese of Westminster

### Pledge to Pray

Individuals, families and parishes are invited to ‘pledge to pray’ on the Thy Kingdom Come Website:  
[www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)



Light up the world with prayer: Each pledge will be recorded as a dot on the world map.

This guide gives information and ideas on how the Parish can join *Thy Kingdom Come* – a global prayer movement between Ascension and Pentecost.

# Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Hour

To start the novena a Holy Hour is recommended or the Holy Hour may be included at the end of the novena. The usual format is followed with the additional suggestions:

**Opening Hymn:** Be Still for the Presence of the Lord.

*During which the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed.*

## Opening prayer

O God, who in the power of the Holy Spirit have sent your Word to announce good news to the poor, grant that, with eyes fixed upon him, we may ever live in sincere charity, made heralds and witnesses of his Gospel in all the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

*Choose one or more of the following readings:*

- Reading: John 15:9-17 – Love one another as I have loved you
- Reading: 1 Cor 11:23-26 - proclaiming the death of the Lord until he comes again
- Reading: Luke 24:13-35 – our hearts were on fire as he spoke with us on the road
- Reading: Rom 5: 5-11 the Holy Spirit has been given to us

## Homily

*The readings may be followed by a homily or short reflection. A period of silence follows. The following litany to the Holy Spirit may be included:*

God, the Father in Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*  
God the Son, Saviour of the world, *Have mercy on us.*  
God the Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on us.*  
Spirit of wisdom and understanding, *Have mercy on us*  
Spirit of counsel and knowledge, *Have mercy on us*

Spirit of fortitude and piety, *Have mercy on us*  
Spirit of awe and wonder, *Have mercy on us*  
Spirit of love and joy, *Have mercy on us*  
Spirit of peace and patience, *Have mercy on us*  
Holy Trinity, One God, *Have mercy on us.*

V. Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, R. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created, R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth

**Let us Pray:** God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructed the hearts of the faithful, grant us by the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

## The Prayer for *Thy Kingdom Come*

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.

## Benediction

*The Rite of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament may follow.*

# Prayer Novena

## 24 Hours of Prayer

*A planned 24 hours of prayer may include a variety of liturgies such as a candlelit vigil, Daily Office and Rosary at appropriate times, along with readings, hymns and periods of reflection.*

## Opening Prayer

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## Daily Readings and Prayer Intentions

**Day 1:** *For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me.* John 7:33 - Pray for: the sick and carers, that may they receive the Spirit of Healing; those involved in 'Called to Serve the Sick'.

**Day 2:** *But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.* John 14:26 - Pray for: children, young people and their families, that they may grow in the Spirit; for the Courtyard project work with 16-24 year olds helping them to transform their lives.

**Day 3:** Jesus said to her, *"Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'* John 20:17 - Pray for: married life and those feeling the pain of separation, that the Spirit may strengthen them; for those involved in marriage preparation, and Retrouvaille, helping to heal and renew marriage.

**Day 4:** *"Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"* Luke 24:32 - Pray for bishops, priests, deacons and religious, that the Spirit guide them; for Diocesan Vocations, and all those involved in helping people in the search for their vocation.

**Day 5:** *While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."* Luke: 24:36 - Pray for the homeless and

## Daily Prayer

As an alternative to 24 hours, short sessions may be planned over 9 days.

## Daily Office –

*Begin with Morning Prayer as appropriate.*

refugees, that the Spirit may keep them safe; for all who are involved in Caritas Westminster and the Cardinal Hume Centre for young people.

**Day 6:** *Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."* John 20:21-22 - Pray for the newly baptised or preparing for the sacraments, that they may be filled with the Spirit; for teachers and catechists.

**Day 7:** *And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.* Acts 1:9 - Pray for victims of human trafficking and modern day slavery, that the Spirit may protect them; for those working in Bhakita House and victims of trafficking.

**Day 8:** *So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.* Mark 16:19 - Pray for the work of evangelisation, that evangelisation teams are inspired by the Spirit; for those involved in Proclaim Westminster in parishes and communities.

**Day 9:** *They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.* Acts 2:3-4 - Pray for overseas missionaries, that the Spirit gives them courage in adversity, for Mill Hill Missions, and for Aid to the Church in Need.

Homily or short reflection, or shared reflection on today's readings may be given.

## The Prayer for *Thy Kingdom Come*

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.

## Closing Acclamation

Glory to God, whose power, at work among us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or conceive; to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Alleluia. Amen.

Daily Office – *End with Evening Prayer as appropriate*

# Intercessions

*These Intercessions can be included in the daily Mass or prayer sessions.*

God of our salvation, hope of all the ends of the earth, we pray: R. Thy kingdom come.

That the world may know Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace, we pray: R.

That we may be bold to speak the word of God while you stretch out your hand to save, we pray: R

That the Church may be generous in giving, faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming, we pray: R.

That the day may come when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, we pray: R.

## Rosary

The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary provide an opportunity to meditate on the Ascension and Pentecost, asking Our Lady to pray for us in the Church's mission of evangelisation.

After each decade a short reading, prayer and reflection is recommended.

First Glorious Mystery –

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

• *Reading: Matthew 28:1-6*

Second Glorious Mystery –

The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven

• *Reading: Luke 24:36-51*

Third Glorious Mystery –

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

• *Reading: Act 2:1-4*

Fourth Glorious Mystery –

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven

• *Reading: Judith 13:18-20, 15:10*

Fifth Glorious Mystery –

The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth

• *Reading: Revelation 12:1*

## Liturgy of the Word with Children

Resources are available on the diocesan website for the feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost  
<http://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy>

**Feast of the Ascension –**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Theme: Jesus asked his disciples to share his message with the whole world. We are to be messengers for Jesus.

**Feast of Pentecost –** Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

Theme: We are filled with the Holy Spirit so we can pass on peace and the fullness of life to others.

**Prayer:** Loving God, your son Jesus has sent us into the world to tell people your great Good News.

We thank you that you have sent us the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please fill us up each day with the fire of the Holy Spirit, So that we can be strong and brave as we live for Jesus, and let his light shine in our lives.

**TKC Resources for Families:**

[https://www.thykingdomcome.global/uploads/resources/TKC\\_Home\\_Pack\\_V4.pdf](https://www.thykingdomcome.global/uploads/resources/TKC_Home_Pack_V4.pdf)

## Proclaim Prayer

Loving Father, May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to “go out to the whole world and proclaim” our faith with confidence.

Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel by our words and actions.

Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary, so that you may be known and loved by all people.

We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever, Amen.

## Proclaim Westminster

building missionary parishes



For more information and resources visit:

[www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) and <http://rcdow.org.uk/faith/evangelisation2017>