



## THY KINGDOM COME

A Global Prayer Movement

25th May – 4th June 2017

### ‘Come Holy Spirit’

*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. We follow the example of the Apostles who during this time ‘prayed constantly’,

**Use this Novena Prayer Card to guide you through Nine Days of Prayer** – a Novena, calling on the Holy Spirit to empower you to be a confident witness for Jesus Christ in proclaiming the Good News of The Kingdom of God.



Diocese of Westminster

# Praying the Novena

Each day during the Novena start with the sign of the Cross, and say the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer.

Then meditate on the words from Scripture for that day. Consider the life of Jesus, what his words meant to the Apostles, and what they now mean for us in our daily lives. Think on how the mission of Jesus to bring the Kingdom of God into our world is now our mission. Remember that as we carry forward our mission: Jesus is always with us and sends the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us. Finish your daily prayer and meditation by saying the Prayer, 'Come Holy Spirit'.

## 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.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 1: For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me. John 7:33 - We pray for the sick and carers.

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 - We pray for children, young people and their families.

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 - We pray for married life and those who feel the pain of separation.

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 - We pray for bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and for vocations.

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 - We pray for the homeless and refugees.

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 - We pray for the newly baptised and those preparing for the Sacraments.

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 - We pray for victims of human trafficking and modern day slavery.

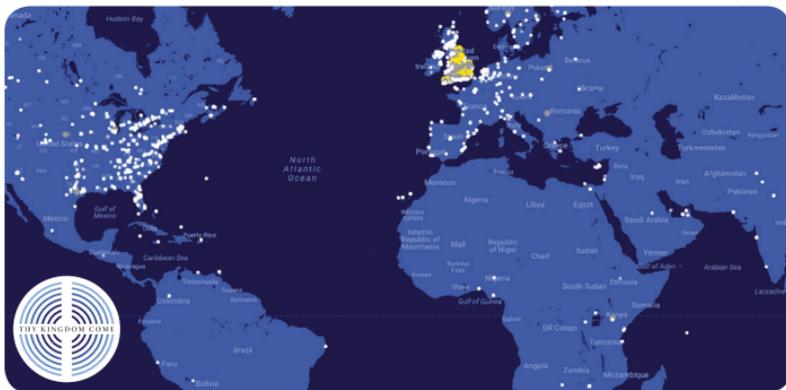
Day 8: So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. Mark 16:19 - We pray for the work of evangelisation in our country.

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 - We pray for missionaries overseas.

# Pledge to Pray

Light up the *world prayer map* by registering your pledge to pray between Ascension and Pentecost:

[www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)



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