



A Short Act of Commissioning for Thy Kingdom Come

Designed to be included in a Eucharist or Service of the Word on the
Sunday before Thy Kingdom Come starts (*Sunday 22nd May 2022*).

This could replace the intercessions, be used at the start of the service after the gathering, or after a post-communion prayer as part of an act of sending.

The liturgy is designed to include the giving out of the free resources, the Novena, the Prayer Journal, and the Cheeky Panda's book. Both the Novena and Prayer journal include a bible reading, reflection from Archbishop Justin and the Novena has specially commissioned artwork for each day. Accompanying Cheeky Pandas children's resources include; music videos, activity packs and assembly plans, which can be used at church, at home, or school, and are available at www.thykingdomcome.global

The congregation are invited to join in all the words in bold.

When invited to stand, please only do so if comfortably able.

Introduction

Priest/Leader This Thursday marks the first of eleven days of Thy Kingdom Come from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday. Each year we are invited to join with tens of millions of Christians around the world, and across all denominations in praying specifically for five people we know personally to come to know more of God's love in Jesus Christ, and to pray that the Holy Spirit will empower us to boldly witness to them of the love, hope and salvation we enjoy.

Please stand.

Priest/Leader As we wait in silence,
All **make us ready for Your coming Spirit.**

All As we listen to Your word,
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

All As we worship You in majesty,
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

All As we long for Your refreshing,
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

All As we long for Your renewing,
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

All As we long for Your equipping,
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

All As we long for Your empowering,
make us ready for Your coming Spirit.

All 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.

All Amen

Giving of resources

At this point the Novena, Prayer Journals, and Children's resources – the Cheeky Pandas books and activity packs – are given out to the congregation, alongside any other resources. The service leader may also like to encourage people to download the special Thy Kingdom Come app (available on iOS and Android) with daily videos and a range of other prayer resources (you may wish even to encourage people to get out phones there and then and download if appropriate!).

Intercessions

Please sit or kneel.

The intercessions include space for people to pray silently for their five people to come to know God's love, or to consider who the five we are praying for might be. The intercessions might also use the first day of the Thy Kingdom Come prayer journal, or other related resource (for example, leather wrist bands are available from Thy Kingdom Come, to tie in five places as a reminder to pray for five specific people).

The following response maybe used at times:

All Lord, bless Your world
And fill us with Your Spirit

All Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Other ways of getting involved

At this point, you may wish to share details of any special events, times of prayer, services, etc. for Thy Kingdom Come in your Parish or area, or point people to the special online services and resources available during the eleven days.

Hymn / song

You may wish to conclude this part of the service by singing one of the specially written hymns or songs for Thy Kingdom Come, copies of which are available on the Thy Kingdom Come website.