



# Thy Kingdom Come 2023

## IMPACT REPORT

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# Introduction

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Thy Kingdom Come is now in its eighth year, and continues to grow in breadth and depth of engagement both nationally and internationally. It unites Christians from across different denominations and traditions in this prayer call for evangelisation. This year, as well as prayer in many small group and individual settings described here, we witnessed a return to big in-person gatherings. These glimpses reflect a real desire and value of gathering together in prayer and worship, something to consider and build on for next year.



*Global Day of Prayer (credit: @PrayforLeeds)*



*Prayer gathering in Burundi*



*TKC at Eastbourne Bandstand (credit: @suncoastchurchuk)*



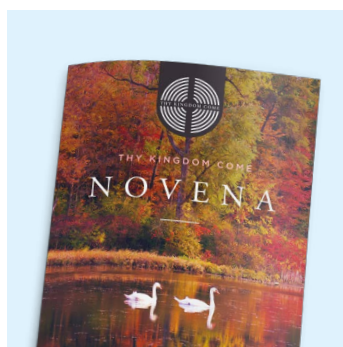
*TKC Prayer Event, Brazil (credit: @revandremira)*

# TKC Resources

Each Thy Kingdom Come produces a range of resources for churches, families and individuals to aid prayer during the 11 days. Here are some highlights:

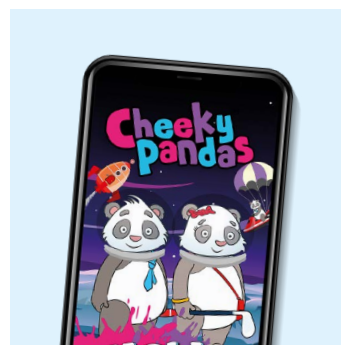
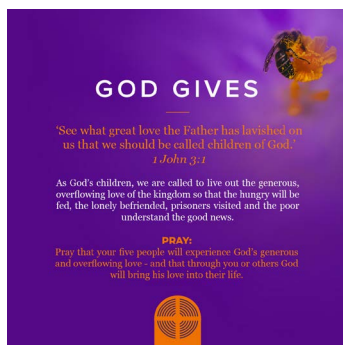
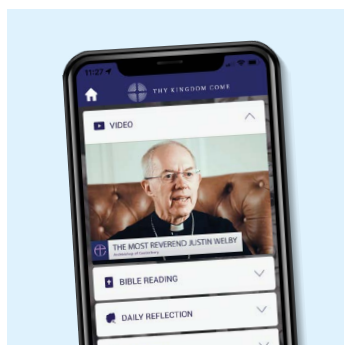
## THY KINGDOM COME IN PRINT

- Distribution of a quarter of a million free prayer resources.
- Translation of resources into a record ten languages.
- A focus on children and young people, including stickers and Cheeky Panda activity packs.
- A focus on estates churches based on feedback and through networks.
- Braille and large print resources in collaboration with Torch Trust.



## DIGITAL RESOURCES

- A new app downloaded in more than 50 countries.
- Daily emails to 40,000 worldwide, with a high open-and-click rate.
- Videos reflecting a commitment to highlighting younger and diverse ecumenical voices.
- TV broadcasts on GOD TV and TBN UK of the 11-day videos.
- High social media profile with shares from the Archbishops and central Church of England.
- Youth focused content from the Way UK was widely shared on Instagram.
- Four new Cheeky Pandas episodes with new buddy activity episodes.



## Diocesan examples of activities

### DIOCESE OF SHEFFIELD

Activities leading to a Pentecost Sunday Beacon event. Thy Kingdom Come has led to the development of a **2025 Prayer Community** across the Diocese.

### DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH

A walking prayer pilgrimage to deaneries with a daily prayer event, culminating in a Pentecost service at the Cathedral.

### DIOCESE OF BLACKBURN

The Instagram Account had a focus on praying for Children and Young People including live times of prayer. The diocese also held a 24/1 Prayer event focused on Healthcare workers across the diocese.



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Beacon Event @sheffcath  
@DioceseofSheff 🙌❤️



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“ The video testimonies are brilliant. I am loving these daily emails; so imaginatively done and covering the whole spectrum of Christian churchmanship in this country

## Ecumenical examples of activities

- Citywide prayer events in Nottingham and in other parts of the **Midlands**.
- **South West Awake**, an annual ecumenical gathering drawing thousands from along the coast in a chain of prayer and praise.
- Eastbourne Churches Together held a **Big Beacon Event** including seven beach baptisms (*see the testimonies here* – so powerful and moving!).
- The Pray for Leeds network held a **Global Day of Prayer** uniting churches across Leeds.



# Thy Kingdom Come held an Ecumenical Ascension Day Prayer and Worship Service

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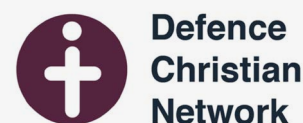
- This featured contributions from ecumenical leaders; worship from the Spirituals and the Salvation Army Band; an interview with a young evangelist; and section of prayer led by representatives from Open Doors UK, Defence Christian Network and HTB Youth.
- Hundreds of people attended in person.
- Many more tuned in online from more than 30 countries on both Archbishop Justin Welby and Thy Kingdom Come Facebook pages and TKC YouTube channel.
- During the live airing, hundreds of people engaged in the online chat sharing where they were joining in from and participating in prayer as an online community.



## Ecumenical Partnerships

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- ***Churches Together in England***, which had a noticeable impact at local and regional levels.
- ***Transform Work*** produced resources including a workplace prayer diary and hosted daily prayer meetings for different workplace sectors.
- ***Defence Christian Network***, an ecumenical, unified network for the Armed Forces, created their own video reflections; and as part of this year's Living the Kingdom sub-theme, raised money for the Trussell Trust.



## International engagement included

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- Beacon events in Seoul, South Korea.
- Trilingual Beacon event hosted by the Diocese of Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Prayer meetings in Burundi & Bangladesh.
- Gatherings across Australia and New Zealand and in parts of America.
- A national programme of prayer and mission events in Trinidad.
- National Dutch churches involved via 24-7 Prayer Netherlands, Alpha Netherlands.
- IZB Mission coordinating a national effort to mobilise churches and various gatherings in South America including Brazil and Peru.

## Thy Kingdom Come worked towards diversity and inclusion

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- In support of the Church of England's vision and strategy, we intentionally featured younger and more diverse voices such as in our flagship resources.
- We produced BSL versions of all the videos; and for children with additional needs, widget versions of the Cheeky Pandas activity packs were made available.
- And for an older audience, perhaps without internet access, the audio from the Novena was broadcast on both Premier Praise radio and the Daily Hope telephone line.



## Thy Kingdom Come worked collaboratively with

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- **The Archbishop of Canterbury:** Instagram posts on Pentecost Sunday and simulcasting the Ascension Day event from the TKC and ABC channels.
- **The Digital team:** putting together the Church of England's National Pentecost service – bringing together old and new TKC content, featuring a diverse range of voices across the Church and also members of the Churches and Networks team.

# Testimonies & Examples of Impact

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## FAMILIES / CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

*'As a family the experience has brought us closer to God – our granddaughter asked if she could see Cheeky Pandas every day.'*

*'I was able to share my conversion experience with some members of my family.'*

*'We've been praying for our grandson for years. He is now listening to the Bible through David Suchet's recordings.'*

*'At the youth event the evening before Ascension, one of the more enthusiastic young people said "I've got 10 to pray for. What do I do?" So, we suggested two a day, whereupon he thought he could then go to 15!'*

## ECUMENISM / CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

*'We had a Churches Together prayer walk in West Warrington involving about 15-20 people from seven different congregations. People were hungry to pray for our part of the town and those within it, and it felt like something important had taken place as we knocked on heaven's door.'*

*'Over 11 days, we welcomed over 200 people through the doors of our pop-up prayer room, and mobilised Christians from around 20 churches to take part in praying for their community. People were welcomed in off the street for a chat, a cup of tea or a prayer. Following positive feedback, were exploring a more permanent longer-term presence in the Bell Green area.'*

*'Here in the Diocese of Colombo, Sri Lanka we held a trilingual Beacon Event which was amazing. We had a full cathedral, and many denominations took leadership in the service. We had representatives from the Baptist Church, Methodist Church, Roman Catholic Church, Christian Reform Church, AOG, Foursquare Church, Salvation Army, Agape Church, and many other denominations. It was an amazing to spend time worshipping the Lord and praying for others as one body and not as different denominations. They even requested that we should do this more often!'*

*'From the 18th May till Pentecost we organised a daily online prayer time from 9-10pm. It was a great time of praying together and some said how they loved it especially since they had never committed to a prayer group to pray for so many days consecutively.'*

## PRAY FOR FIVE

*‘Two of the girls I’ve been praying for through this time have now started a Bible study with me to learn more about Jesus.’*

*‘My brother, whose faith had waned years ago, was one of my five for three years. He called me last summer out of the blue to tell me he’d found Jesus again! He is now filled with the Holy Spirit and active in his church.’*

*‘One person who I prayed for and who is an atheist said the day the prayers began, they felt a warm feeling all over their body.’*

*‘One of my five people reacted positively to a prayerful message I sent to them. I had been praying for a friend for some time, on and off, that they would come to church and would re-connect with God. During Thy Kingdom Come this year I prayed for him each day, and he was having a really tough time, and he reached out to me and said he’d like to come to church. Thanks be to God!’*



## EVERYDAY FAITH / PERSONAL FAITH

*‘I shared the daily emails with my Life Group and with family. I know they found the material encouraging.’*

*‘I felt so connected to other Christians across the world!’*

*‘I shared the cartoon from Day Two with present and past youth club members on FB and one messaged me saying he had been having an awful week at work and was very moved by the cartoon. I was moved by it and I sent it to my son in Australia. It was the best part of TKC this year.’*



*‘A friend of mine did TKC this year because I told her about it. She found the videos made a difference to her.’*

## Ways churches got involved

*'At the end of TKC I led a Pentecost party and it was a joyful celebration. Church attendance was better than usual with some unknown families attending with children.'*

*'We told another church about what we were doing, so they joined in. The priest was over two churches, so he brought in two churches. He also told his deanery... so the Cathedral had a vigil, and I know at least one other church who heard and jumped on board!'*

*'We are still using the Prayer Journal, weekly, in our house group, as a basis for our Bible studies just now.'*

*'I helped set up a temporary labyrinth outdoors on our church Green, with a sign giving suggestions how to walk it. We had quite a few non-parishioners come to walk it, and positive comments in the "guest book". It was likely the first time some had ventured onto the church property!'*

*'I led a half hour daily silent prayer session for the 11 days. I was prepared to do it on my own but every day I was joined by others. It was a total joy and blessing, and many commented on how quickly the time passed. I am a Quaker but worship at my local Methodist and CofE churches. '*



## Testimonies of Reconciliation

*'Two friends, John and Giles, who were friends for 32 years, fell out because of politics six years ago. They reconciled on Ascension Sunday. This was the fruit of God's answer to Giles's prayer. They celebrated – praying and worshipping together at church, in the Love of God, united in the same Spirit, on the Pentecost Sunday.'*

*'There has been a miraculous reconciliation with a family member who shut herself off from the family for almost 20 years.'*

## Disability and inclusion

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*'I am a parent of three neurodiverse children/adults and so it was so refreshing to have a neurodiverse story shared, and the challenges and honesty was refreshing.'*

*'I am part of a WhatsApp group for women. I shared the video and my thoughts with the group, and we are now planning an event where I can share more about how love in action might mean changing our conscious and unconscious thoughts and bias about others who find this world challenging to navigate, and how we might change instead of expecting them to change (when they might not be able to).'*


*'I am currently confined to my house following surgery and used this time as a "retreat". I found the Novena particularly helpful, thought-provoking, and just what was needed now.'*

# Visual Snapshot Of TKC 2023

Below are some examples of TKC engagement this year across social media. There are hundreds, if not thousands of examples of TKC engagement worldwide online. This is a tiny taster within the UK and internationally.


## 1. DIOCESAN ENGAGEMENT EXAMPLES:

(1. Diocese of Peterborough pilgrimage; 2. Diocese of Sheffield Beacon event; 3. Coventry Diocese; 4. Southwark Diocese).


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**St John the Baptist, Peterborough** · 18 May 2023 · 🌐

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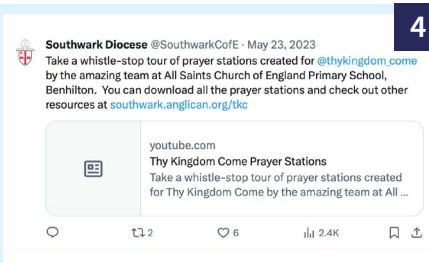
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**Ascension Day is just one week away and that means thy**

**dioceseofcoventry** · Follow · Original audio

**dioceseofcoventry** Ascension Day is only one week away! How will you be marking Thy Kingdom Come? Ideas and resources are in the link in our bio! 38 w

**thecollective\_cem** Already thinking about the people to put on my #prayforfive, I love how #thykingdomcome refocuses us back to relying on the power of #prayer 38 w 1 like Reply

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**Southwark Diocese** @SouthwarkCofE · May 23, 2023  
Take a whistle-stop tour of prayer stations created for @thykingdomcome by the amazing team at All Saints Church of England Primary School, Benilton. You can download all the prayer stations and check out other resources at [southwark.anglican.org/tkc](https://southwark.anglican.org/tkc)

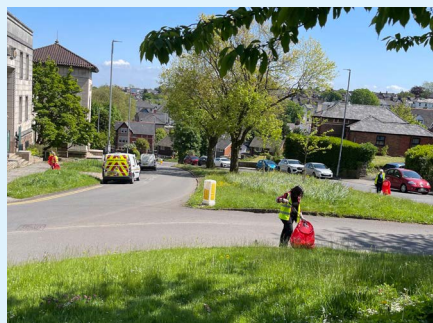
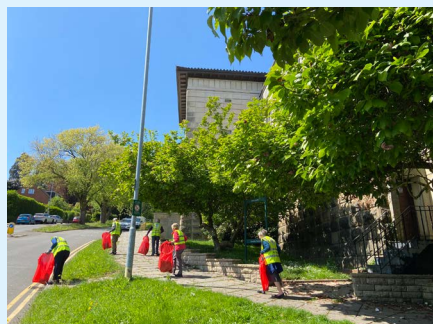
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Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Stations  
Take a whistle-stop tour of prayer stations created for Thy Kingdom Come by the amazing team at All ...

## 2. LOCAL CHURCHES EXAMPLES:

(1. Churches in Monmouth; 2. Wakefield; 3. Devon; 4. Salisbury)



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**Becca Stevens**  
@rebeccaclaies1

The fab group of volunteers who filled six bags of litter from around the civic centre & crown court in Newport as part of our 9 days of mission & prayer! All welcome at our next litter pick at St Stephens, Pill tmrw at 2pm  
[#ThyKingdomCome](#) @MonmouthDCO @jane\_mudd @JBryantWales



2



**Robert W Hart**  
@frobertwhart

A Spirit filled celebration of Pentecost in the [#ParishOfHemsworth](#): some beautiful masses, a mighty Word from Br Joseph Emmanuel SSF, the Baptism of Eliza Grace and a rousing Wakefield Episcopal Area Pentecost Praise.



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**Scott Angell**  
@ScottAngell4

Finishing our Walkhampton service of the world outside with the commissioning and the end of [@thykingdom\\_come](#)



**Faith in our Village**  
9 May 2023 · 🌐

More preparations this week for the five prayer stations both inside and outside at St. Katharine's Church in Holt for Thy Kingdom Come taking place 18 - 28 May.

Here is the outside labyrinth looking lovely. There will be a leaflet you can collect from inside the church to use for both an indoor and this outdoor labyrinth.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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### 3. PARACHURCH ORGANISATIONS ENGAGEMENT EXAMPLES:

(1. Transform Work; 2. 100 Homes; 3. Association of Promoting Retreats)


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**TransformWork**  
18 May 2023 · 🌐

We are at the launch of Thy Kingdom in London! Amazing prayers, amazing choir and a Salvation Army band 🙌

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**100 Homes**  
18 May 2023 · 🌐

Today is the launch of **Thy Kingdom Come**, a global prayer initiative. Join us as we pray for God's Kingdom to come in the lives of children in care.

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**Association for Promoting Retreats**  
18 May 2023 · 🌐

'I am with you always until the very end of the age' (Matt 28.20). As Jesus ascended into heaven, He commissioned his followers to pray, to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and to proclaim the good news. Join your prayers with **Thy Kingdom Come** this Ascensiontide.

### 4. HOUSES OF PRAYER EXAMPLES:

(1. North Devon House of Prayer; 2. Turret House of Prayer, Lancashire)

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**North Devon House of Prayer**  
18 August 2023 · 🌐

Good morning!

We welcome you to join us for worship and prayer as we pray for the prodigals all across the nation to return to the Lord.

Starts from 10am.

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**Turret House of Prayer**  
19 May 2023 · 🌐

Turret House now open for 24 hours, all night until 5pm Saturday for private prayer...

Drop in or book a slot here:  
<https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/169836>

24-7 Prayer Thy Kingdom Come  
**#ThyKingdomCome**

## 5. ECUMENICAL / NATIONAL GATHERINGS

(1. Pray for Leeds; 2. South-West Awake; 3. Chester Churches Together; 4. Eastbourne Churches Together; 5. Milton Keynes Churches Together; )



**Pray For Leeds**  
@prayforleeds

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A big thank you to all who came to the [#Leeds](#) Global Day of Prayer as we prayed for different nations and people groups. This event was associated with [@thykingdom\\_come](#) and International Day of Prayer for the Unreached. [@JustinWelby](#) [@LeedsVineyard](#), [@paulmaybury](#) [@LeedsMinster](#)



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**South West Awake**  
@southwestawake

About 30 people at Brixham Harbour for [#SouthWestAwake!](#)

Singing and worshipping to Jesus for all to hear! 🎵



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**Andy Glover**  
@\_andyglover

So good to gather across the church in Chester on this Pentecost Sunday as part of [@thykingdom\\_come](#) for praise and prayer – Come Holy Spirit and fall afresh on your people in our city and nation



**suncoastchurchuk** • Follow  
Eastbourne Bandstand

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**suncoastchurchuk** A powerful morning at 'Thy Kingdom Come' today where Suncoast gathered together with the many other churches of Eastbourne to worship and praise Jesus. And followed by this, we witnessed several people being baptised in the name of Jesus, I N T H E S E A!

Whilst praying for our wonderful town, we especially prayed for the refugees and migrants within Eastbourne with a focus on what we can do to welcome and to support them. A special thanks to [@krishkandiah](#) for leading the talk.

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## Churches Together in Milton Keynes CTMK

24 May 2023 · 🌐

The MK **Thy Kingdom Come** Events for 2023 continued yesterday evening with a Prayer Walk in Campbell Park organised by **Church without Walls: Broughton & Brooklands**. We walked, prayed and chatted in the beautiful surroundings, spoke to dog walkers, listened to bird song and even heard someone playing a digeridoo!

Thank you to Rev Ruth and members of the CWW community for running this event for us.

Church Without Walls is a Christian community that meets in Broughton & Brooklan... [See more](#)



## THE NATIONS INVOLVEMENT EXAMPLES:

(1. Welsh language prayer booklet; 2. Republic of Ireland support of convent/order; 3. TKC Novena in Welsh.)

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Kevin Ellis

17 May 2023 · 🌐

Written a study booklet for the days of **Thy Kingdom Come** in both Cymraeg and English for **Eglwysy Bro Madryn Churches** called 'You are my witnesses' looking at passages from Acts. I am pleased with it.

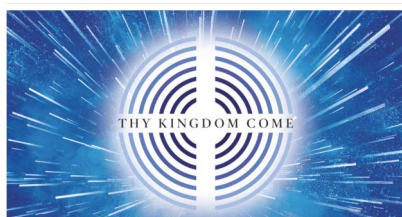
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**PRESENTATION SISTERS**  
North East Ireland

HOME NEWS BLOGGING WITH PURPOSE VOCATIONS EVENTS CHILD SAFEGUARDING

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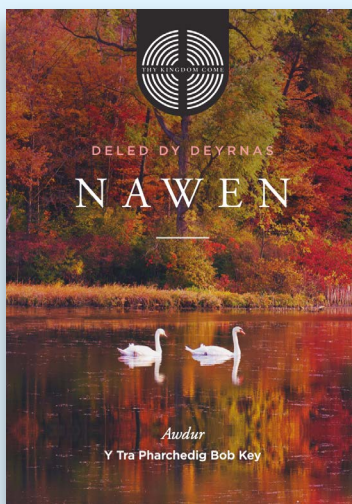


### Thy Kingdom Come

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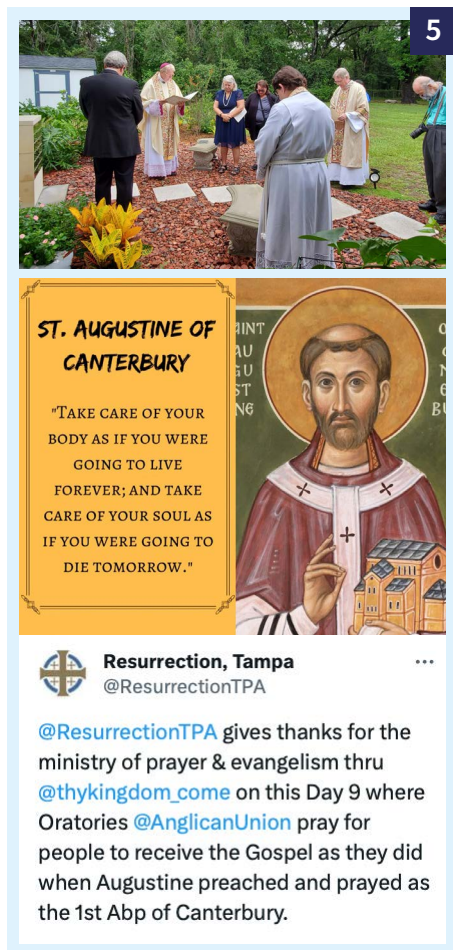
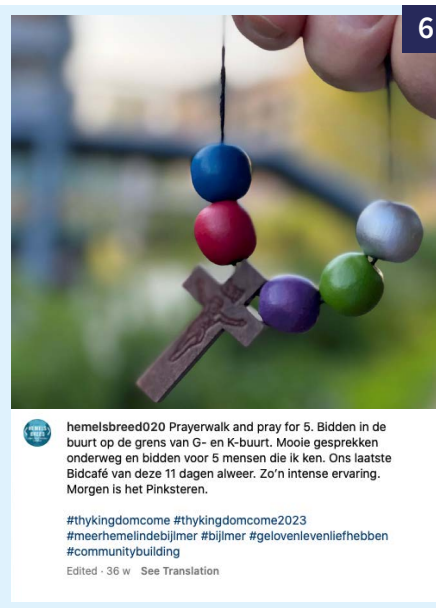
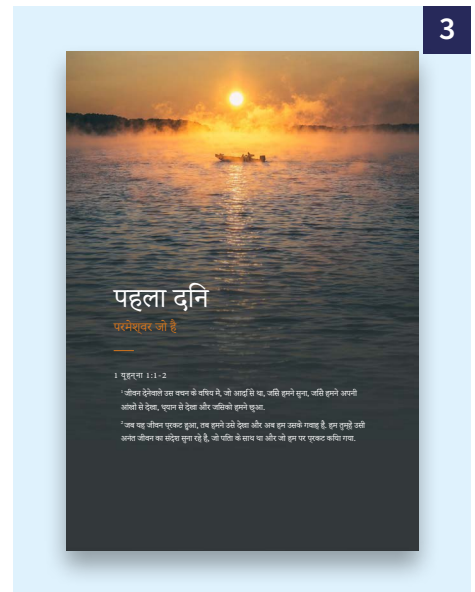
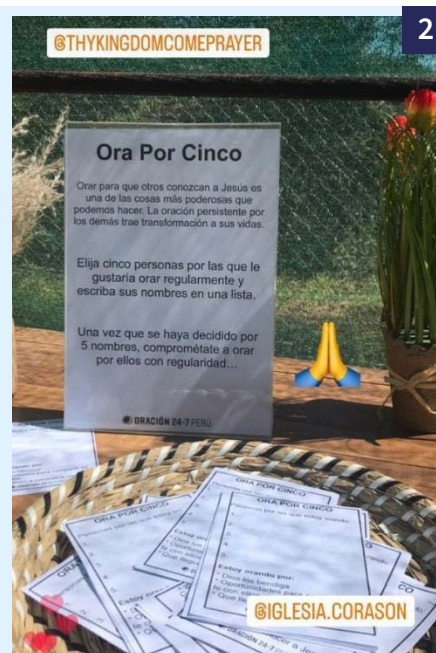
Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions – so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

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## 6. INTERNATIONAL SNAPSHOT – EXAMPLES:

(1. Church in Brazil; 2. Church in Peru; 3. Hindi translation of Novena; 4. Prayer gathering in Burundi; 5. Church in USA; 6. Prayer beads for mission in Netherlands; 7. Online Bible study to the Episcopal church in the Philippines; 8. Anglican Union worldwide social posts; 9. Barishal Diocese, Bangladesh)





**The Anglican Union** ✓  
@AnglicanUnion

On Pentecost light up the world thru [@thykingdom\\_come](#) & pray with [@AnglicanUnion](#) for revival. Join us in the Veni Creator Spiritu below & light up revival for the 5 people u prayed for, your family, neighbors and the world with the power of the Holy Spirit. COME. Embolden Us!



People love the time of prayer together and praying for receiving The Holy Spirit. We are happy this year Christa Sevika Sangha Sisters prayed in their community and in their girls hostel separately. They also join in the local church prayers.  
*Barishal Diocese, Bangladesh*



Light Up The World In Prayer

9<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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