



A home group or prayer meeting resource.

When Paul was writing this letter to Timothy he was urging the early church to pray for everyone so that all people would come to know Jesus:

'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.'
(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

How might we pray - every way we know how for everyone we know - as part of Thy Kingdom Come 2017 so that people will come to know Jesus?

Start

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4, introduce the theme and pray for God's guidance. Worship God together – using song or reading praise Psalms and have a time of giving thanks for all the people we love, know and meet.

Pledge2Pray for people we know and meet

Ask everyone to think about the people they know and those they meet - who do not yet follow Jesus. They could be those they know well; those who they work with, live next to; those they meet in the course of their every-day lives. For those who have already started to pray for people – invite them to think of others that Jesus might be drawing to their attention.

Invite them to write down names or initials. Provide pieces of paper and pens and let them know that this is for their eyes only.

Listen: giving

- time for each person to ask the Holy Spirit to guide them as to who to choose to pray for as their pledge2pray (between 1 and 5 names).
- time for each person to ask the Holy Spirit to guide them as to how to pray (see here are other creative ways to Pray for 5 in Thy Kingdom Come resources*)
- time to write initials or names on small piece of paper, folded in half, with their name on the outside.

Share:

invite people to talk about this process should they wish to and invite those who are already part of pledge2pray share stories of how Jesus has been at work in them and for those they are praying.

Pray

For pledge2pray names: put the slips of paper (on floor or in a bowl) and pray together this could be done silently, or use extempore prayer.

Ask Jesus to:

prepare their hearts (Luke 8:11-15); open their spiritual eyes (2 Corinthians 4:4); give them ears to hear (Matthew 13:15); give them faith to believe (Acts 20:21) and pray for His kingdom to come in their lives.

Pray

For the members of the group/meeting – focus first on the person on our right and then on left praying silently or out loud;

Ask Jesus to:

prompt them regularly in their pledge2pray for the person/people he has highlighted give each person a great love for those they are praying for (1 John 4:7) as well as opportunities to witness (Colossians 4:3).



Pledge2pray for leaders

– in the local community and for national/ international leaders in the news. *(This may require some research beforehand to help identify key people).*

Invite everyone to name leaders in key positions in the local community – for example: leaders in schools, businesses, elected councillors/mayors, media etc. Capture their names on a sheet of prayer that all can see/on a powerpoint if in a larger meeting or service. Or alternatively have a list of names ready for people to add other names to.

Invite everyone to do the same for national and international leaders that are in the news that day/week.

Stop and pray together for them – thanking God for them, praying for them to discover Jesus/walk with Jesus more closely (if they are Christians) and for God's wisdom in their leadership.

PLEDGE₂PRAY FOR PEOPLE TO COME TO KNOW JESUS



Pledge2pray action:

Invite all to pick up their named piece of paper to take home to prompt their praying **

Adopt in prayer one of the local and national/ international leaders during Thy Kingdom Come 2017
be alert and expectant for Jesus to be at work.

Close by praying together the
Thy Kingdom Come prayer

**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.**

More resources and ideas to
help you pray:

*Pray for five friends ideas:

www.thykingdomcome.global/resources

**Prayer cards, bands can be ordered from:

www.cpo.org.uk/thykingdomcome

