



THY KINGDOM COME

**nine days of prayer for others and ourselves
6th-15th May 2016**

A guide to using this leaflet

This leaflet contains a Bible reading and subject for prayer for each day of the prayer novena, the nine days of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost.

You might like to begin with 'a prayer for ourselves' which is printed below and then slowly read the Bible passage, asking God to speak to you through the words. Then turn to prayer, using the prayer points to guide you. You could finish by praying the Lord's Prayer.

A prayer for ourselves

Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people,
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power,
a new faithfulness to your Word,
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us,
and your kingdom come;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday 6th May

Jesus said to his disciples:

“A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no-one will take away your joy.” (John 16:21-22)

Pray for those for whom the future looks worrying or even terrifying. Pray for their consolation and comfort.

Saturday 7th May

Jesus said to his disciples:

“the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.” (John 16:27)

Pray for those who have had to take the big picture into account – and who are concerned about how their decisions will be received.

Monday 9th May

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

Pray for those who will have to make ‘brave’ decisions over coming months. Pray for a generosity of spirit – for trust in the work of the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday 10th May

Jesus prays for his disciples:

“Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.” (John 17:7-8)

Pray for a deep love of Scripture. Pray for the gifts of openness to the Word of God and willingness to be guided by it.

Wednesday 11th May

Jesus prays for his disciples:

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.” (John 17:15-17)

Pray for those who are fearful. Pray for God’s people to have a clear sense of identity and calling.

Thursday 12th May

Jesus prays for all believers:

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (John 17:20-21)

Pray for people in neighbouring parishes. Pray for wisdom and enthusiasm for people who will be working together.

Friday 13th May

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?

Yes, Lord, he said, you know that I love you.

Jesus said, Feed my lambs.

Again Jesus said, Simon son of John, do you truly love me?

He answered, Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.

Jesus said, Take care of my sheep.

The third time he said to him, Simon son of John, do you love me? Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, Do you love me? He said, Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.

Jesus said, Feed my sheep. (John 21:15-17)

Pray for God's people to be fed. Pray for those who are called to be their shepherds.

Saturday 14th May

This is the disciple [John] who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

(John 21:24-25)

Pray for a sense of joy as people see God fulfilling his promises.

Sunday 15th May: Collect for the Day of Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.