



THY KINGDOM COME

Praying with the Whole Church of England for Evangelism

Across the country this week, hundreds of thousands of Christians will be joining together in prayer at the request of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. At St Mary's, we invite you to "Stop and Pray" for 10-15 minutes around lunchtime, wherever you are, just as we do the same in church. You can simply pray as you feel most comfortable, but the following order may be of use. We shall be using it in church every day of the week at 12.15pm. Feel free to join us if you're in Battersea.

Prayer During the Day

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Praise

Blessed are you, the God of our ancestors,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
Blessed is your holy and glorious name,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
Blessed are you, in your holy and glorious temple,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
Blessed are you who look into the depths,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
Blessed are you, enthroned on the cherubim,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
Blessed are you in the heights of heaven,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

A Psalm of Praise

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
2 For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.
3 He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
4 He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
5 God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
7 For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
8 God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.
9 The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Short readings

Monday

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.28-end

Tuesday

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

I Corinthians 12.4-7

Wednesday

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

Joel 2.28,29

Thursday

Jesus said, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there

anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Luke 11.9-13

Friday

In Christ every one of God's promises is a 'Yes'. For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen', to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment.

2 Corinthians 1.20-22

Saturday

The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3.17,18

Response

Spend a few moments chewing over the words of the reading. Ask yourself how it speaks to us of our call to make the love of God in Jesus known in the world...make a person response in prayer or commitment.

Prayers

Each day of this Week of Prayer, please spend some time praying for the following:

*Monday: Pray for someone you know who could know more of the love of God in Jesus from you.
Pray for St Mary's – that our life together might reveal Jesus Christ.*

*Tuesday: Pray for someone else you know who could know more of the love of God in Jesus from you.
Pray for those who seek to preach the good news to the poor.*

*Wednesday: Pray for someone else you know who could know more of the love of God in Jesus from you.
Pray for St Mary's – that each of us may grow in confidence in God's power to change lives.*

Thursday: Pray for someone else you know who could know more of the love of God in Jesus from you.

Pray for those who seek to make Christ known in public life, including ourselves in our places of work and responsibility..

Friday: Pray for someone else you know who could know more of the love of God in Jesus from you.

Pray for St Mary's – for our ministry beyond the doors of the church in our local community.

Saturday: Pray for your family – spouse, partner, children, parents – that each of them would come to know Christ more deeply.

Pray for yourself: that you would know more fully the work of the Spirit in you this Pentecost.

Gracious God,

We thank you that you have brought us to know and recognise you
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank you for those who shared the Gospel of Jesus with us.

We ask that in turn we may pass the Good News on to others.

Give us confidence to speak of you,

Sensitivity to walk with others on their journey,

And love to inspire us to reach out to others.

Most of all, give us a passion to see your Kingdom come,

That we might take risky steps

To be your witnesses to your world.

Through your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Conclusion

May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts and minds. Amen.