

PRAYING FOR "YOUR 5" DURING THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom Come encourages every Christian to pray for 5 individuals so that they would know God's love for them in Christ

ASCENSION DAY **Jesus**

Pray for your 5 friends to encounter Jesus in all his grace, challenge and love, that they might say with St. Paul, 'For me, to live is Christ.'

FRIDAY AFTER ASCENSION **Praise**

Pray for your 5 to be awake to all that they have already received from God in their lives, and all that he offers them in Christ, that they might praise him.

SATURDAY AFTER ASCENSION **Thanks**

Pray for your 5 to recognise the goodness of God in their lives, that they would turn to God in gratitude and trust.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION **Sorry**

Pray for your 5 to be led by the Holy Spirit to understand the cost of God's love for them in Christ, that this great sacrifice would lead them to repentance.

MONDAY **Offer**

Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring an understanding of life in all its fullness that will be theirs as your 5 put everything they have at the disposal of God.

TUESDAY **Pray for**

Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of your 5 now, as you pray for specific things that you know they face.

WEDNESDAY **Help**

Pray for your 5 that they would know that they never have to face anything alone, but that in their need they would call on God for help.

THURSDAY **Adore**

For the eyes of your 5 to be opened to all that Jesus offers them and that they would turn their faces to him and enjoy the warmth of his love.

FRIDAY **Celebrate**

Pray for yourself and those others the Lord sends to help show your 5 their route home to God, that they would know the loving father running to greet them.

SATURDAY **Silence**

Pray for the Holy Spirit to put on your heart the desires of heaven for your 5.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST **Thy Kingdom Come**

Pray 'Come Holy Spirit' for your 5 friends, that they may joyfully enter the Kingdom of God and find themselves used by God to pray and act 'Thy Kingdom Come.'

DURING DAILY PRAYER

Prayers may include these intentions and concerns:

- God's royal priesthood, that it may be empowered by the Spirit
- Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal
- All people, that they may acknowledge the kingdom of the ascended Christ
- The earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests
- All who are struggling with broken relationships
- Our City and Community, that all will seek Jesus and find him
- Our church family, that all make the connections between faith and life

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.
Amen.

O King enthroned on high,
Comforter and Spirit of truth,
you that are in all places and fill all things,
the treasury of blessings and the giver of life,
come and dwell with us,
cleanse us from every stain and save our souls,
O gracious one.
Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

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.

READINGS ON DISCIPLESHIP AND EVANGELISM

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength – he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' *Isaiah 49.5-6*

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. *Isaiah 52.8-9*

Many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. *Micah 4.2-3*

'While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.' *Acts 17.30-31*

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! *2 Corinthians 5.16-17*

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. *Ephesians 2.19-21*

Jesus said, 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.' *Matthew 5.13-16*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' *Matthew 28.16-end*

DAILY SHORT READINGS

FRIDAY AFTER ASCENSION

As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to human beings, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. *Hebrews 2.8b-10*

SATURDAY AFTER ASCENSION

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8.38,39*

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive. *John 7.37-39a*

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. *Isaiah 40.28,29*

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. *1 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*

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

to be used with Morning and Evening Prayer

Thursday (30 May) Ascension of the Lord

Morning Psalm 8, 47; Ezekiel 1:1-14, 24-28b; Hebrews 2:5-18
Evening Psalm 24, 96; Daniel 7:9-14; Matthew 28:16-20

Friday (31 May) Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

Morning Psalm 72; 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Hebrews 3:1-6
Evening Psalm 146, 147; Zechariah 2:10-13; John 3:25-30

Saturday (01 June) Justin Martyr

Morning Psalm 87, 90; Ezekiel 3:4-17; Hebrews 5:7-14
Evening Psalm 136; Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29; Luke 9:37-50

Sunday (02 June) Seventh Sunday of Easter - Jerusalem Sunday

Morning Psalm 66, 67; Ezekiel 3:16-27; Ephesians 2:1-10
Evening Psalm 19, 46; Exodus 3:1-12; Matthew 10:24-33, 40-42

Monday (03 June) Martyrs of Uganda

Morning Psalm 89:1-18; Ezekiel 4:1-17; Hebrews 6:1-12
Evening Psalm 89:19-52; Joshua 1:1-9; Luke 9:51-62

Tuesday (04 June) John XXIII, Bishop

Morning Psalm 97, 99, [100]; Ezekiel 7:10-15, 23b-27; Hebrews 6:13-20
Evening Psalm 94, [95]; 1 Samuel 16:1-13a; Luke 10:1-17

Wednesday (05 June) Boniface, Archbishop

Morning Psalm 101, 109:1-4 (5-30); Ezekiel 11:14-25; Hebrews 7:1-17
Evening Psalm 119:121-144; Isaiah 4:2-6; Luke 10:17-24

Thursday (06 June) William Broughton, Bishop, Australia

Morning Psalm 105:1-22; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32; Hebrews 7:18-28
Evening Psalm 105:23-45; Zechariah 4:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

Friday (07 June) Feria

Morning Psalm 102; Ezekiel 34:17-31; Hebrews 8:1-13
Evening Psalm 107:1-32; Jeremiah 31:27-34; Luke 10:38-42

Saturday (08 June) Eve of Pentecost

Morning Psalm 107:33-43, 108:1-6(7-13); Ezekiel 43:1-12; Hebrews 9:1-14
Evening Psalm 33; Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20; 1 Peter 2:4-10

Sunday (09 June) Pentecost

Morning Psalm 118; Isaiah 11:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-13
Evening Psalm 145; Deuteronomy 16:9-12; John 14:21-29

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