



Thy Kingdom Come

What is Thy Kingdom Come?

Thy kingdom Come is a global prayer movement which the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting people around the world to join. He is calling on Christians to pray that people might know Jesus Christ during a focused time between Ascension and Pentecost from 25th May – 4th June 2017.

The hope is that:

- People will commit to pray with God's world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family
- Churches will hold prayer events, such as 24-7 prayer, prayer stations and prayer walks, across the UK and in other parts of the world
- People will be transformed through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby

How did it begin?

In May 2016 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invited Christians from across the Church of England to join a wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. This is traditionally a time when the church focuses on prayer, just as the first disciples gathered after they watched Jesus ascend into heaven, it says in Acts 1. 14 "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus..."

The response in May 2016 was astonishing as hundreds of thousands joined in from churches of many denominations and different traditions around the UK and across the world.

For 2017 the vision is even greater. The hope is to see **at least 80 per cent of Church of England churches and cathedrals taking part** as well as many other denominations and the churches of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Leaders from Churches Together in England, including Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Baptist and Methodist churches, Free churches and Orthodox churches to name but a few, have all signalled their support.

What next?

It's not complicated – the Archbishop's invitation is simply asking **people to pray in whatever way they want, with whoever they want and wherever they can, that others might know Jesus Christ.** Anyone can sign up on the website now and pledge to pray.

Resources:

Bespoke resources and information will be available from the end of January 2017 via the website www.thykingdomcome.global. This will include materials to download on prayer, liturgical resources, Novena booklets, packs on helping families pray together, details of prayer events and tips on organising local events. Everyone who signs up to 'Pledge2Pray' will receive regular email updates as well as inspiration and encouragement about prayer.

Social media:

The message will be going out via social media and in the months running up to May 25th we will be using the hashtags **#Pledge2Pray** and **#ThyKingdomCome** which we hope will spark a viral prayer response to the project.

Link to video with Archbishop Justin Welby introducing Thy Kingdom Come:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BoTx4U2IxTk>