



Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Resources

'Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.'
Matthew 7:7

Let's begin:

Here is a selection of ways you might wish to use during your time of prayer during Thy Kingdom Come. They are some ideas to get you started but don't feel compelled to use them!

There is no right or wrong way to pray. Go with what feels most comfortable. Let what comes into your mind and is on your heart rise up and offer it to God.

If you are at home, make sure you will not be disturbed and are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle, inviting Christ to be with you as you spend this time in prayer.

Praying for 'Five'

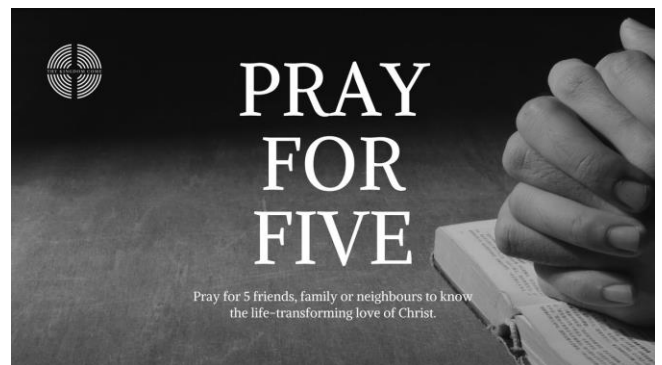
Write your name in the middle of a piece of paper. Then write the names of five friends, family members, neighbours or colleagues that don't know Jesus and link them to your name with arrows.

How would knowing God impact the lives of these people? Write or draw something by each name to represent the change.

Think about each person on your piece of paper and write down the good qualities God has given them. Thank God for the unique way each person was made and created.

Think about the way that you interact and engage with the people on your piece of paper. Then, pause and welcome the Holy Spirit into every part of your day-to-day life. Pray for each person individually.

Read through your list of people and allow the Holy Spirit to draw you to a person or a few people that you can engage with this week. Write down any ideas of how you can bless them or share hope with them when you see them next.



Get Creative



Paint your representation of a Bible verse, paint specific words that God is saying to you, or ask God for a prophetic picture to put onto a piece of paper

Write your prayers

A simple but profound way of learning to understand the voice of God is through the discipline of journaling. Connect with God through the written word and allow the words to reach your mind and soul.



START with 'Dear God' or a personal address
– 'Father', 'Jesus', 'Holy Spirit'

THANK God for his steadfast love and care

TELL God the things that are on your heart, weighing on your mind.

EXPRESS your heart-felt worship and desire for guidance.

NOTICE how God may begin to speak to you, bringing insight and discernment

WRITE, DRAW OR PAINT any reflections that proceed from your heart

THANK God for prayers answered and direction you have discerned

Pray for Our Villages

Imagine that Jesus is physically present with you right now, and asks you to step outside and show him around your village.



- Think of people in your village that are often overlooked by others. Pray for these people now.
- Think of people who need healing of one kind or another. Pray for these people now.
- Think of the people who serve others: in the schools, at the surgery, in the shops, in the cafes and restaurants, the tradespeople, the local government workers. Pray for these people now.
- Think of your friends and family – those who know Jesus and those who don't. Pray for these people now.
- Think about the gifts and skills God has given you and pray for His guidance as to how you might best use these for the good of your community

Silence



Sit comfortably in silence with your palms open, noticing your breathing. Perhaps, in rhythm to your breathing repeat 'Be still and know that I am God' or another phrase or word which you find helps you focus. Stay with this as long as you feel able. If your mind wanders perhaps those are things to pray for. If they are not helpful try to bat them away.

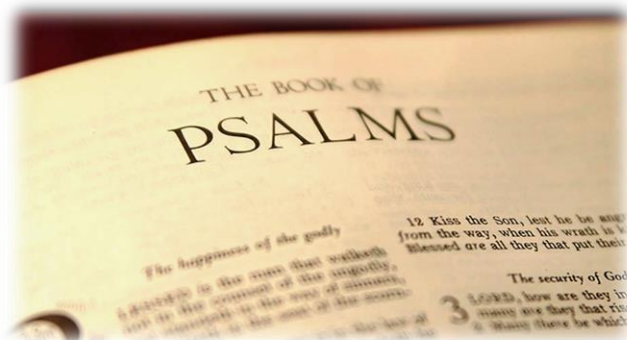
Pray a Psalm

The rhythm of morning and evening prayers is a common and enriching way to read the Psalms, and many seem to be written with the intention of being read at these two ends of the day.

Dawn Psalms prepare us for action, waking up to what God is doing in the world and how we can join in with Him, allowing His will to work its way in us for His purposes. Examples include Psalms 5, 46, 90, 139 143

Dusk Psalms make the transition from daylight to the sleep of darkness. Examples include Psalms 4, 42, 63,77, 91, 141

Allow the words to shape your prayer life, giving you permission to pray not what you think God wants to hear, but what is inside you.



Pray using the acronym ACTS

A is for Adoration – spend time worshipping Jesus. Use your favourite music, a Psalm, write something. Choose a recent answer to prayer to inspire your praise.

C is for Confession – ask the Holy spirit to show you when you have sinned and fallen short of God's love recently. Say sorry for whatever comes to mind and ask the Holy Spirit to help you change your future behavior.

T is for Thanksgiving – think, speak or write a list of good things in your life today and thank God for each of them

S is for Supplication – praying for God's love and grace in situations wherever they are needed in your life and in the lives of others

Go on a virtual Prayer Walk

Step out and pray for your community as you walk. You can even do this without leaving your house. Find a map of your area and 'walk' around it in your imagination, tracing the route you might take with your finger. Imagine Jesus is walking with you. Note all the people, businesses, or memories you have along the way.

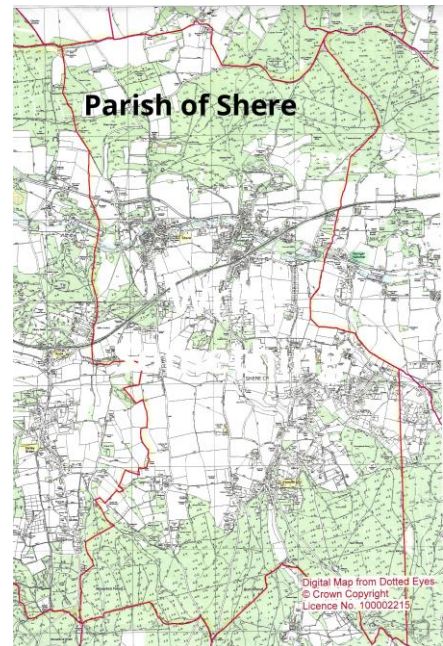
As you go you could use the acronym WALK:

W – WORSHIP as you set off walking. Say the name of Jesus, recite a psalm, hum a hymn.

A – ASK God for His Spirit to fall on the streets you walk in, into the homes, businesses, schools and churches you walk past.

L – LISTEN as you pray, listen to what God might want to say to you

K – KNOW the area you are prayer-walking. Find out about its history, the lay of the land, get to know its people and any areas of concern, celebrate its particular character and charms.



Pray God's Promises

The Bible is full of promises God has made to the people who follow Him. Find the 'promises of God' by searching online, or get started with these three promises. Pray them over yourself or others:

'God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

'For I know the plans I have for you' declares the Lord 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.' Jeremiah 29:11-12

'Because he loves me,' says the Lord, 'I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me and I will answer him I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.' Psalm 91:14-16

The 3 'P's



Pray for:

1. **People afflicted:** ask God to comfort those who suddenly find their lives torn apart by grief, loss, fear and trauma.
2. **Pastors and Priests:** ask God to give courage to church leaders seeking to bring Christ's presence and hope in the midst of trauma and profound questions of pain.
2. **Peacemakers and politicians:** ask God to give clarity and wisdom to government agencies and NGOs, blessing and supporting their efforts to bring justice, reconciliation and aid.

*Thank you for joining in prayer during this special time.
Do keep these prayer ideas with you and continue to pray in
ways you enjoy and find helpful.*

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