

## PRAYERS

Let us pray: God of our salvation, hope of all the ends of the earth, we pray: **Thy kingdom come.**

That the world may know Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace, we pray: **Thy kingdom come.**

That we may be bold to speak the word of God while you stretch out your hand to save, we pray: **Thy kingdom come.**

That the Church may be generous in giving, faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming, we pray: **Thy kingdom come.**

That the day may come when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, we pray: **Thy kingdom come.**

### **“THY KINGDOM COME” PRAYER**

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.**

*We pray one or more of these prayers plus other appropriate prayers..*

### **PRAYER FOR RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH**

Glory to you, O Lord our God, Your love calls us to be your people. By sharing our many and diverse gifts we share in your mission. We ask you, Lord, to shape us into a community of faith. Nourish us by your word and sacraments that we may grow into the image of Jesus. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, heal us that we, in turn, may heal the wounded. Form us to be instruments of love, justice, and peace in our land, and send us to proclaim your saving work. Renew us, Lord, that we may renew the face of the earth. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD**

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER FOR MISSION & EVANGELISM**

Almighty God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **THE CONCLUSION**

*[We are sent out to seek the Spirit in our lives.]*

May God the creator grant to the world truth and justice  
May Christ our Saviour give us peace  
May the Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts and minds. **Amen.**



## Mid-day Prayer

From the earliest days of the Church, people have gathered together to praise God and to pray for salvation through his Son. Prayer During the Day is a form of worship and prayer which can be used by individuals or in groups, at any time of the day, as a structure for praise and petition. It is drawn from Common Worship, one of the worship resources of the Church of England. We hope you may find in it a spiritual rhythm which will nourish your heart and keep prayer on your lips, enabling you to become part of a global wave of prayer.

### **PREPARATION**

*[We ask God to guide us as we pray]*

*We light the “Thy Kingdom Come” candle*

O God, make speed to save us.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Gladden the soul of your servant,

**All: for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

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.

*The Song of the Three 29-34*

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

*[Listen to the words of the Bible, in a psalm and a short reading. What do these passages make you think about? Which words, images, and ideas strike you? How do they make you feel?]*

### **PSALM 46**

- 1 God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.
2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change; though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
- 3 though its waters roar and foam; though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God; the holy habitation of the Most High.

5. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

6 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
he burns the shields with fire.

10 "Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**All 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.**

or **PSALM 47**

1 Clap your hands together, all you peoples;  
O sing to God with shouts of joy.

2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared;  
he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdued the peoples under us  
and the nations under our feet.

4 He has chosen our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a merry noise,  
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

6 O 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 all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations;  
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples are gathered  
together  
with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 For the powers of the earth belong to God  
and he is very highly exalted.

**All 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 BIBLE READINGS

##### **Ascension Day or on any day after Ascension**

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Hebrews 9.24

##### **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. 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

##### **The Day of Pentecost**

Jesus said, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.' John 20.21,22

#### RESPONSE

*We sit in silence, reflecting on the psalm or the short readings.*

*We may also pray silently for those in need, for friends to find God, for renewal in the Church, for peace in the world.*

*We may also like to just sit quietly with God.*

