

Subject: Daily Prayer 21st May 2020 - Ascension Day
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Dear everyone

As I explained in the email yesterday we are taking part in the Thy Kingdom Come 11 days of prayer. Today, Ascension Day is day 1

Thy Kingdom Come is a worldwide prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost. Since its launch by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016, Christians from 172 countries and 65 denominations have taken part in praying for friends and family to come to faith in Jesus Christ. These days have always been full of expectation and anticipation. As the Lord Jesus ascended, He promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable the disciples to be witnesses. As they waited for the promise to be fulfilled they devoted themselves constantly to prayer (Acts 1:14).

When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying... All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

So, the renewed call across the church is to set these days apart to pray, and each individual to pray for 5 people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ. Write down the names of five people that you will be praying for daily throughout Thy Kingdom Come.

Each day there is a passage from the Bible, a short reflection, a prayer, and a suggestion for action. Did a phrase jump out at you? Did God bring something to your mind as you prayed? I would suggest that you have a small notebook to hand each day and on the day of Pentecost, 31st May, you can look back and see what the Holy Spirit has brought to your mind and heart.

Reading: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3.16-17

Reflection: John 3.16 is one of the best-known verses in the Bible because it emphasises God's love for everyone. Jesus didn't just love those who are easy to love, He loved the people who hated Him, who despised Him; He loved the people that others looked down on. He didn't just love some people – He loved the whole world. This speaks about the action that God took to show His love towards us – it shows us how love is an active word. God loved us so much that He chose to send His beloved child for us. Not because of anything that we did, not because we deserved it; but because He's a loving God. God's love is selfless and sacrificial and shows us what we are worth to Him. If God can love anyone, the least we can do is to do the same.

Prayer: Loving God, thank You that You gave Your Son Jesus for me, and for all people. Help me accept the love that You showed me in sending Your Son. I pray for my five friends. Please open their hearts to Your love. And teach me to love more truly. Amen

Action: Ask yourself: is there anyone that comes to mind who God may be bringing to your attention?

Father Simon's Prayer for us at St.Andrew's

Almighty God Heavenly Father, we praise your Holy Name and thank you for all the blessings of this life. We ask for your forgiveness of all our failings and weaknesses ; and the assurance of sins forgiven.

As we gather here in St Andrews Pollenca, following the example of your First Disciples ,may we pray for the Gifts of your. Holy Spirit. That transformed by your love, we may witness to your saving grace amongst all those who live, work and visit in this community. May they see you in us, that together, we may extend your Kingdom in Pollenca. We ask this for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

The Global 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.

Until tomorrow
Vicky

Father Simon is opening the church for prayer 9am to 1pm Daily

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