

Subject: Thy Kingdom Come

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Dear everyone

Here at St.Andrew's we are really excited to share with you 'Thy Kingdom Come' which is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension (Thursday 21st May) to Pentecost (Sunday 31st) for more people to come to know Jesus.

Pentecost incidentally as most of you will know will be our first Eucharist back in St.Andrew's.

I will be sending you a daily email (you can opt out by notifying me to this email address) which will follow the prayers and meditations suggested by th Church of England. Fr. Simon will open the church everyday from 9.00 am till 13.00pm for those who would like to pray at the prayer station which we will create, or to pray with Fr. Simon. I will also create a sheet with prayer suggestions and Father Simon has written a special prayer which will be included, these will be sent to you for you to use on your phones or to print out for when you are in church or praying at home.

Every single day hundreds of millions of our brothers and sisters around the world say the prayer Jesus put on our lips, praying 'Thy Kingdom Come'. The focus of our prayers in these 11 days between Ascension and Pentecost is for the coming of the God's Kingdom in the lives of family and friends, neighbours and colleagues that they might come to faith and be touched by the Holy Spirit.

When we pray 'Come Holy Spirit' this year we pray in the context of the COVID crisis, with all that we face, all that is unknown and all we are helpless before. The theme of Thy Kingdom Come 2020 we pray 11 days for Spirit to work significantly in those who don't follow Christ, that they might encounter his love and peace and make the best decision anyone can ever make – become followers of Jesus. And that they in turn would come to give their lives in service of the Kingdom of God. Churches around the world will be making this a daily reality, and this time of prayer gives itself to an even deeper engagement with the needs around us.

We encourage every person to pray for 5 others who don't know the love of Christ and then to resolve to invite them along to something appropriate once our church buildings are reopened. All this prayer is reliant and expectant that the Holy Spirit would draw more and more to encounter God's love in Christ.

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.

Acts 1: 13-14

Another great idea is a prayer walk around where you live.....either here in Puerto Pollensa (or in the UK)

Here are a few suggestions for you where you can stop or mindfully pray when passing in Puerto Pollensa (an I am sure there are places near to your homes in the UK):-

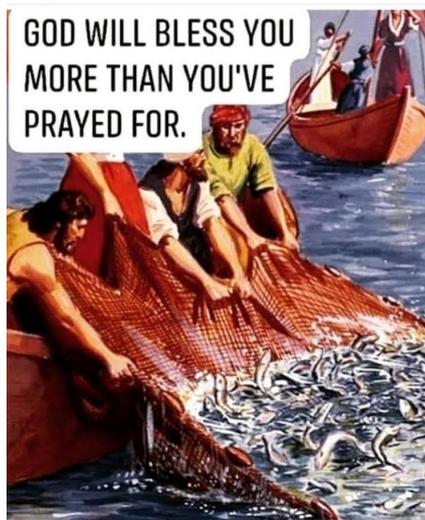
The Police station/ Guardia Civil station, the Residencias (Old peoples Homes), Doctors/chemists, Churches, the main square, Schools, Playgrounds, football ground, Military base.

Jayne has also put together some ideas:-

In Puerto Pollensa our beautiful Beach....overlooking sea, Mountains....remembering what God created, how Jesus calmed the storm, how God can move mountains " if you have faith as small as a mustard seed you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there', and it WILL move. Nothing will be impossible for you" - Matt 17:20

"What wings are to a bird and sails to a ship, so is prayer to the soul."

In the Port pray for the Fishing men.....picture of nets full of fish....how God can do this in your life & in our Port.



Notice the wild flowers growing along side the road....how God provides

Sheep in the field...Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want..., (Psalm 23)
One Flock One Shepherd (John 10:16)

Pine walk.....what a beautiful place we live how God has blessed us...."If God sends us on stony paths, he provides strong shoes." (Alexander MacLaren)

Local businesses....pray for your favourite bar, restaurant, shop....may God Bless them ten fold.

And all of this can be done during one short walk either on your own or social distancing with friends - AMEN

Stand still, listen to the birds, look at the trees, the mountains & the sea, look at all the different

colours, different types of birds, trees, flowers...the beauty of Gods creation.

Who do you see? Our neighbours.....the people we pass everyday.....we need to open our eyes and pray for them all.

You are a PART of this and those around us are our PEOPLE and our PLACE is St Andrews in Puerto Pollensa.

Come into our beautiful church and pray or - if you havn't already done it - set up a prayer station in your home and pray there.

We hope that you will take part in this amazing global initiative with us and pray that 5 more people whom you know may with the help of the Holy Spirit come to know Jesus.

We pray to God, through Jesus Christ and with the help of the Holy Spirit - AMEN

Thank you each and every one of you for being a part of our amazing spiritual community here at St.Andrew's

Blessings and prayers

Vicky