



THY KINGDOM COME

Praying from Ascension Day (21 May 2020) to Pentecost (31 May 2020)

"Thy Kingdom Come" is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for people to come to know Jesus better. What started in 2016 as an invitation to the Church of England from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

There is a lot of material available on the internet, but I have chosen this activity for us to share, because it is accessible to everyone, with or without internet access, and suitable for all ages.

I'm calling it "**CORD PRAYERS**"

So, this is what you are invited to do! Choose five people you would like to pray for over the eleven days. (I'm going to cheat slightly and have just one knot for 'my family')

Take a piece of cord or string or ribbon, or even a rope (just whatever you have available) and tie five knots in it to represent each of the five people you have committed to pray for. You could carry the knotted cord in your pocket, tie it round your wrist or place it somewhere that you'll see it regularly.

Use the knots to remind you to pray each day for each of the five you have chosen.

You can pray in whatever way feels right for you, or you can use this prayer: -

Lord, I pray that you will lead (name) to you. Thank you that you love them. I pray that you would show them your love, grace and peace, now and forever. Amen

Just as we joined in making Sacred Spaces in our own homes during Holy Week and Easter, now you are invited to pray for five people, for eleven days, starting on Thursday 21 May.

There are lots of other ideas on the website. <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

KIDS!

As an alternative to the knotted cord, younger children might like to do the activity as a paper chain...

Cut out several strips of coloured paper. On each strip, write the name of someone to pray for. Either tape or staple the strips together to form a chain.

And for those families who can cope with the technology, have a look at this link for a digital family prayer adventure!

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/digital-family-prayer-adventure-map>

I'll be sending out an idea for us to share for Pentecost Sunday – so look out for that.

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