

Ascension Day (Thursday 10th May) marks the start of an international Ten Days of Prayer for God's Kingdom to come....in our own lives...in our communities...in our churches.... in the world.

Together we can join in prayer as a mission partnership – using these short daily reflections, taken from the national resources, and prayer pointers specific to our Mission Partnership.

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 as 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

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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*

We give thanks for our church buildings, praying that they will be used to bring God's kingdom in our communities.

Friday after Ascension 11th May

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* **Giving thanks we pray for all those who lead our worship, preach and celebrate Holy Communion.**

Saturday 12th May

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* **With thanksgiving we**

pray for the ordained clergy of the partnership and the many lay ministers and office-holders.

Sunday 13th May

On the last great day of the festival, Jesus 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* **We pray for the various outreach initiatives into our local communities.**

Monday 14th May

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* **We pray for our work with older people and those with dementia.**

Tuesday 15th May

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. *1 Corinthians 12.4-7* **We pray for all those who serve as Wardens and Stewards and on our church councils.**

Wednesday 16th May

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* **We pray for all our children and young people and all those who work with them.**

Thursday 17th May

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* **We pray for the schools connected to our churches and located within our parishes.**

Friday 18th May

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* **We pray for Catherine our Mission Partnership Development worker and all the teams she works with.**

Saturday 19th May

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* **We pray for the people of God in each congregation that we might bring the transforming power of God to one another and to our communities.**

Sunday 20th May - 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*, **We give thanks to God and ask for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our communities and churches.**

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