



The Diocese of
Southwark

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Thy Kingdom Come: *Living the Kingdom*
Nine days of prayer from Ascension to Pentecost
18–28 May 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Lord's Prayer has been prayed by people from every land, culture and nation throughout the last two thousand years. Whilst Thy Kingdom Come will always have its focus as a call to prayer for evangelisation, here in Southwark, it has also been the foundation of our mission. Mission always comes from the place of prayer, so how can we, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love and serve those we are praying for or others who are in need? This is about living the Kingdom – individually and corporately – in our context.

The resources that we have developed over the years have offered a great variety of areas that may focus your prayer and action. The cost-of-living crisis have led churches to respond in many compassionate and creative ways. We pray that these resources may continue to inspire your communities to prayer and action. The King's Coronation has provided opportunities for people to gather. Thy Kingdom Come enables us to prayerfully build on these opportunities for service.

I am pleased to be able to commend to you, once again, the materials put together by our Mission Department. There are suitable resources for all ages, for worship at home or together in church.

You will find a list of the contents of the pack on the reverse of this letter, along with details of other resources, some of which are available centrally from the official Thy Kingdom Come website at thykingdomcome.global. The Diocese's own dedicated Thy Kingdom Come web page, southwark.anglican.org/tkc, also has links to the materials and other useful resources. Over the next year or so, we are gradually moving to a wholly digital offering of resources in order to fulfil our pledge as an Eco Diocese.

The Bishops and Archdeacons of the Diocese will be seeking to make time during these nine days to engage with parishes and deaneries, taking opportunities for both private and corporate prayer. The nine days of prayer culminate on Pentecost Sunday across the Diocese on Sunday 28 May.

May this time between Ascension and Pentecost be one of national and spiritual renewal for us all.

Christopher Southwark

Further information

The resources in your pack are:

- a poster to publicise Thy Kingdom Come
- Novena prayer booklet
- Everyday Faith: Hidden Church booklet (x 1 per pack)
- Everyday Faith: Pocket Prayers booklet (x1 per pack)
- the 'concertina' workers' prayers (x 2 per pack)
- TKC Bookmarks
- a form to order more resources and to apply for £100 grant from the Mission Department.

To download digital copies of any of the above (and more), go to southwark.anglican.org/tkc

Grants

The Mission Department is awarding £100 grants towards creating a prayer station or prayer space. Email mission@southwark.anglican.org or apply using the order form enclosed in your pack.

Ordering additional copies

You can request further free copies of the booklets, and pocket-sized prayers for workers, although we will need to receive your orders by 1 May in order to get them sent out in time. Please see the enclosed order form for more details. We will not be reprinting new resources in order to be more ecologically focussed, so do put your order in early if you want additional resources.

Resources for children, young people and families

We have a number of resources available to engage children and young people: bit.ly/CYP-TKC

You may also wish to borrow resources from our Resource Library: bit.ly/42QAAJS

For other resources for children and young people, please visit thykingdomcome.global

Prayer space kits are available to borrow by contacting Imani.McEwen@southwark.anglican.org at Trinity House, or the Croydon office if you are in that Episcopal Area. These contain a range of items for decorating prayer spaces and ideas for engaging in prayerful activities.

Pledge2Pray

You can Pledge2Pray by visiting the Thy Kingdom Come website at thykingdomcome.global where you will also find further resources to aid and inspire prayer.

Feedback

We would love to receive feedback on this pack and which resources have been most or least helpful. This will help to inform what we produce for Thy Kingdom Come next year. Please email us at mission@southwark.anglican.org with any comments. We would love to see photos and hear stories of how you are praying for and serving your communities. Do send these through to the mission team email as well.

Pentecost Sunday at the Cathedral and across the Diocese

On Pentecost Sunday, communities will have an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Returning to the early days of TKC, we are sensing a call for Christians to gather together (in-person where possible) and collaborate ecumenically locally or regionally. Whether by town, deanery or archdeaconry, do consider how your churches and communities may be able to do this.