



Thy Kingdom Come

Praying for all God's people from Ascension to Pentecost

Resources for Children and Young People (CYP)

Prayer is at the centre of Thy Kingdom Come. Here is a selection of ideas from the Thy Kingdom Come website that you can use to engage with families, children and young people. Consider setting up a prayer space in your church or local school, or get creative with prayer crafts and use our ideas in this leaflet.

Pray for Five

Praying for five people is at the heart of Thy Kingdom Come. Write down the names of five children or young people you're praying for on your phone, the mirror or on a card to remind you to pray throughout the day. Use a band and tie five knots, representing the five names. Incorporate your prayers into your daily routine – and remember to pray for them when you drink a hot drink or try praying when running or walking.

Prayer spaces

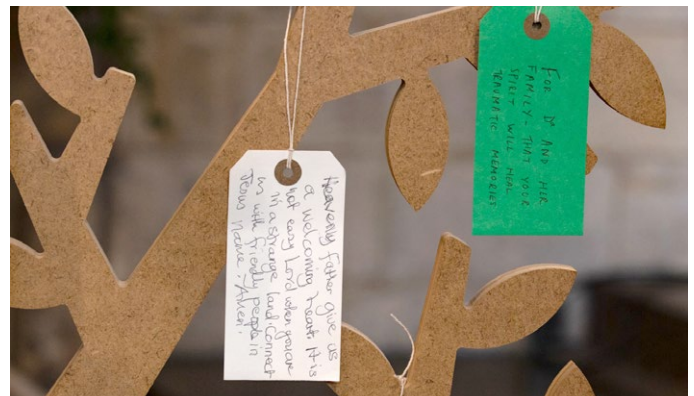
Work with your local school or church to set up a prayer space for the staff, children, and young people. You can apply for a CYP Grant to help with this – please ask us.

Prayer stations can be a great help to those who find praying for an hour challenging. Some ideas for stations in your prayer room/space are:

The sorry bin

Gather a rubbish bin (or paper shredder), paper and pens, and invite people to reflect on and pray the words of Psalm 139:23-24: 'Search me O God and know my heart'. As areas of sin are revealed to them in their own lives, invite them to write them down and ask the Lord for forgiveness. As a symbol of His grace and forgiveness finish by throwing the paper into the bin or shredding it.

The family tree



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Draw or make a tree then think about family members or friends who are yet to discover Jesus' love. Write their names on luggage labels and hang them on a branch, or a sticky note and hang or stick them as they pray for each one. Pray that they will know Jesus, for courage for yourself to talk about Jesus and to invite others to church activities.

Your kingdom come

Gather large maps of your area and this nation, as well as local and national newspapers. Encourage people to pray 'Your kingdom come, your will be done' over the places and situations that stand out to them. If they are unsure how to pray then praying for the positive – healing, reconciliation, justice, love, forgiveness, salvation – is often a good place to begin.

Prayer Labyrinth

Borrow a labyrinth from the CYP resource library and use it in your prayer space: <https://southwark.anglican.org/mission-ministry/mission/children-youth/resource-library/>





Get creative with prayer crafts... here are some ideas

Prayer Beads

Encourage people to learn and pray The Lord's Prayer. Each bead on the bracelet represents part of the Lord's Prayer. Thread beads representing the Lord's prayer onto elastic thread. Touch the beads and pray the various part of the Lord's prayer. Could your church supply the beads and elastic?



Paint stones

Gather smooth pebbles or stones. Paint them with a light colour acrylic paint. When dry, paint and decorate with encouraging words such as 'love', 'joy', 'peace', 'patience', 'kindness', 'goodness', 'faithfulness', 'gentleness', 'self-control' (Galatians 5:22-23), or add a verse of scripture. Paint with clear varnish. As you paint, pray for someone in your local area. You could leave your stone out in the community to be found.



Prayer Net

Jesus said to his disciples "I want you to be fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). A prayer net is a lovely way to pray interactively for people to discover or grow in their faith in Jesus. Cut paper fish shapes and write people you want to pray for on them. Pray as you hang the fish on a fishing net.



For further information please visit the Thy Kingdom Come website:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

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