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Opportunities

THY KINGDOM COME Journal

Download this [resource](#)
to use for 11 days.



THY KINGDOM COME Novena

Alternatively this
[resource](#) used for 11
days may appeal to you.



THE CALL OF THE KING

Watch this short [video](#).
What is it from the
words you hear or the
pictures you see that
connects with you?



WAITING FOR THE SPIRIT Online Retreat

This 2020 [resource](#) may
resonate with you in
this season of 2023.

“Without God’s
Spirit,
there is nothing we
can do
that will count for
God’s kingdom.
Without God’s
Spirit,
the church simply
can’t be the church.”
(N.T. Wright)

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Thy Kingdom Come

As we look around the world, in our neighbourhoods, work places and even in our families, there is plenty of evidence of people looking for power - it’s nothing new! Kingdoms - and Queendoms - come and go. Some bring stability and peace, others not.

At a time of Roman occupation in Palestine Jesus taught his disciples to pray to the Father and ask ‘thy kingdom come’.

I wonder what was going through the minds of those disciples as they heard these words said. What type of kingdom were they anticipating?

I wonder if they could have envisaged a kingdom which, among other things, promoted servanthood. Click on this [link](#) to hear a King’s commitment to this kingdom value.

“In his [Jesus] name,
and after his example
I come
not to be served
but to serve.”
(King Charles III)

I wonder if the disciples were also confused as they tried to understand how “Our Father” could also be head of a kingdom. The idea that they could pray to someone who had the power of a king but who offered the loving relationship of a father was a big thing.



‘Thy Kingdom Come’ is an Anglican initiated resource to be used from Ascension to Pentecost, encouraging people to intentionally pray this line of the prayer for individuals over 11 days - this year 18-28 May.

“In praying
‘Thy Kingdom Come’
we all commit
to playing our part
in the renewal
of the nations
and the transformation
of communities.”
(Archbishop Justin Welby)

The call is to pray. When ‘thy kingdom comes’ it de-thrones other kingdoms, and communities are improved. Let’s pray:
‘thy kingdom come’



An Exercise

The Lord’s Prayer

Listen to this [version](#) of the Lord’s Prayer. Over the next 11 days pray just one line of this prayer per day and notice how God’s kingdom comes.

1. Our Father in heaven
Picture the one to whom you are praying.
2. Hallowed be your name
As you are on the move, intentionally notice God’s presence and be worshipful.
3. Your kingdom come
Pray for a person you know to accept God and his values.
4. Your will be done on earth as in heaven
Pray for a confusing situation that needs God’s direction.
5. Give us today our daily bread
Pray for a people group that is in need of basics to live on.
6. Forgive us our sins
Stop often - confess wrong thoughts, actions, and words.
7. As we forgive those who sin against us
Think of someone who you need to forgive and do it!
8. Lead us not into temptation
What might you be tempted by? Ask for strength to resist.
9. But deliver us from evil
Pray about something that you need relief from.
10. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever
Marvel on the bigness of the kingdom and give thanks.
11. Amen
Notice God’s presence and respond with this word.