



THY KINGDOM COME

Thursday 21st - Sunday 31st May 2020

Do you long to see God's
Kingdom come on earth as in
heaven?

Join the global wave of
prayer - **Thy Kingdom Come!**

God wants to use you!

One extraordinary thing about the adventure of discipleship is that God calls all of us to take part in God's mission to see his kingdom come here on earth as it is in heaven. It's the prayer Jesus taught us to pray (Matthew 6.10). As Jesus' followers we become God's coworkers. Jesus gave us a commission (Matthew 28-18-20, Luke 10.1-2), and it really is a co-mission. What a privilege!

A major aspect of this co-mission, too often ignored, is to pray. This isn't an added extra, but it's integral to God's mission to reach the world that he loves so much. John Wesley said this in response to the revival he saw in his lifetime:

'God does nothing except in response to believing prayer.'

So the challenge is on, it's there and clear to see. Are you ready to play your part?

What is Thy Kingdom Come?

Thy Kingdom Come is a global wave of mission-focussed prayer that takes place annually between Ascension Day (21st May) and Pentecost (31st May). Churches around the world join together to pray that simple but profound prayer 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

How can I take part?

We've got 2 things happening as we at St T's play our part.

- **24/7 Prayer (Sunday 24th - Sunday 31st May)**
- **A series of discipleship challenges**

This resource pack will give you further details about getting involvement in these 2 things. Let me encourage you to rise to the challenge that God has given us, to be his co-workers right where we are, to hunger for more of God, and to see his Kingdom come. We might be currently locked down, but no one can lock down our prayers.

Let's pray!



24-7 PRAYER

REVIVING THE CHURCH, REWIRING THE CULTURE

What is 24/7 Prayer?

24/7 Prayer is what it says on the tin! As church family we will create a continuous wave of non-stop prayer for a whole week - that's 168 hours! It'll need all of us to get on board if we're to see this happen. We're also inviting other churches to join us. This is open to anyone, so we'd love everyone at StTs to invite friends too! It doesn't matter whether or not they live in Chesterfield.

What does it involve?

We're asking everyone at StTs to sign up to one or more of the hour-long prayer slots. Each slot can have more than one person, but we want to fill them all up, and get as many people as possible involved. Because of social distancing you will pray right where you are at home.

When is it happening?

24/7 prayer will start at 4PM on Sunday 24th May and finish at 4PM Sunday 31st May. (NB. This is 7 days out of the 10 days of Thy Kingdom Come.)

We'll start and finish the week with an hour-long online 'Zoom' prayer gathering. Look out for the 'Zoom' link on our email, website and social media feeds nearer the time.

What do I need to do?

Sign up now to one or more of the prayer slots by following this link

www.24-7prayer.com/signup/c35c53

If there's someone you know who is struggling to sign up online please sign them up on their behalf (with their permission of course).

Don't forget to put your slot in your diary or set a reminder on your phone.

What should I pray?

There is so much to pray for at the moment and it's entirely up to you how and what you'd like to pray - but the basic prayer is 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

We'll be producing a pack of virtual prayer stations nearer the time, so look out for those. Don't forget to also use our discipleship challenges below.

Discipleship challenges.

As well as 24/7 prayer we'd love you to try out one or more of these discipleship challenges during the 10 days of Thy Kingdom Come and beyond.

Challenge 1

Deepen your relationship with God

What would you do if you wanted your relationship with a friend to deepen? You'd talk, spend time together, share something of yourself, be honest with one another, be happy in each other's company. You can probably think of more things. A relationship with God the Father is the same. It grows, develops, it takes time and input. It's not just knowing things about God, it's knowing him intimately that is the Father's desire.

The first challenge is to deepen your relationship with God. It doesn't matter how near or far you feel from him right now, God always has more for you. You could try some of the following practices or come up with your own, the practices aren't so important, what is important is intimacy and relationship with the Father.

- **Bible journaling** | | <https://youtu.be/lxxjzsW2TGk>
- **Prayer diary** | | <https://www.24-7prayer.com/journaling>
- **Set a time or an occasion** | | Set a regular alarm on your phone or pick a time you normally do an activity (cooking, dog walking etc.) and use that time to speak to God and wait on him.
- **Soaking** | | <https://catchthefire.com/blog-full/ultimate-guide-to-soaking-in-gods-presence>
- **Get inspired** | | Read a book that inspires you to reconnect with God (Red Moon Rising is an excellent place to start, an inspiring and honest account of the 24/7 Prayer movement). Or listen to an online sermon or podcast.
- **Download an app** | | <https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional> or <https://www.bibleinoneyear.org>

Challenge 2

Pray for 5 friends who aren't yet Christians.

DL Moody famously had a list of 100 friends he prayed for everyday to come to faith. By the time he died 96 of those on his list had given their lives to the Lord. What happened to the final 4? Well they responded to Jesus at Moody's funeral. I love that story not because of the numbers, but because Moody cared enough to take time each day to pray for people. And he saw answers to his prayers!

This challenge is to select 5 people who aren't yet Christians and to pray for them on a regular basis. Don't just automatically think you know who these 5 could be. Take some time to ask God first, he may bring someone particular to mind who you wouldn't have thought of.

Write the 5 down somewhere you will keep coming back to, and pray for them. If it feels appropriate you may even want to invite them to our online **Alpha Course** which starts on Thursday 21st May. Further details about Alpha are in this pack.

Who are your five?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Challenge 3

Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower your witness.

This is perhaps the most simple of the 4 challenges but possibly the most profound.

1. Set aside some time everyday (morning is best) to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.
2. Then wait on God.
3. Respond to what he is saying to you.

Remember, when God speaks this will never contradict scripture, and any prophetic words are for strengthening, encouraging, and comforting (1Corinthians 14.3).

Challenge 4

Pray each day as a family.

Thy Kingdom Come have created an absolutely fantastic resource for families to use including a daily podcast and a brilliant adventure map app. To find out more follow these links, you'll also get to see Gemma from Cbeebies!

<https://vimeo.com/393023348>

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Alpha Taster/Intro

Thursday 14th May at 8pm

Course starts Thursday 21st May at 8pm

Register your interest at

www.stthomasbrampton.com/alphacourse



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