

Thy Kingdom Come: 21st – 31st May 2020

Pray For Five

Prayer Hands

We are asking you to join in on Ascension Sunday to "give us a hand":

1. Get a piece of A4 paper and draw around your hand.
2. On one side, write on each digit the name of somebody you want to see come to faith
3. Release your creativity and decorate the other side of the hand with colour, glitter, stickers, favourite bible verses etc.
4. Once you've finished, share a picture on social media using #thykingdomcome #pray4five (don't show the names you've written, that's for you and God) then put it in your window
5. Pray for each person by name for the next 10 days 21st May – 31st May

Memory Game: A prayerful twist on an old game.

Add a new item to a tray/table/shelf each day and pray for the things they represent during the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come. Start with one item and pray about that theme (see below). The challenge is to test yourself daily by trying to remember all the things you've prayed with on the previous days and what they represented, then reveal the items under the cloth. Check how many you got right and add the latest one.

NB: Due to the current restrictions, we have suggested items that you might generally have in your home/garden already, but they can all be substituted along a similar theme.

1. **A 5p coin** – Think of 5 people you know who don't know Jesus yet. Pray that God would give you chances to talk to them about Him and show them how much he loves them.
2. **A small item of food** (chocolate biscuit, bag of crisps, wrapped sweet etc.) – Thank God for meeting all our needs and all the love he generously gives to us. Pray for those who haven't got enough or are struggling at this time.
3. **An eraser/bottle of Tipex/bar of soap/wet wipe** – Think about the times when we might get things wrong and say sorry to God for them. Thank him that, just like this item, he can take away the mistakes and make us clean again.
4. **A picture/photograph of family/friends** – Thank God for those people we care about and who care about us. Ask God to protect them and keep them safe
5. **Key** – Thank God for our homes. Pray for people who might not have a safe place to live and ask God to help them find people and places where they can be looked after.
6. **Sticky plaster/bandage/thermometer** – Thank God for the work of the NHS and other caring services who work so hard to keep us safe. Pray for them to be protected in these difficult times.
7. **A small crown** (can be made of paper/cardboard) – Pray for the people who lead us or have power to make important decisions. Pray that God will guide them and help them to rule or lead wisely.
8. **Leaf/twig/small plant** – Thank God for his beautiful creation, pray for our world and the threats of pollution and global warming. Ask him to help you look after his world.

9. **A pen/pencil** – Thank God for the gift of the Bible and the way that he talks to us through it. Pray that he would help you read it and hear what he has to say more clearly.
10. **Map/simple diagram of your local streets** (you can draw this yourself without any need for artistic skills!) – Ask God to bless your neighbours and bring his love and peace to the area you live in. Ask him to show you how you can make a positive difference.
11. **Paper fan/candle/tealight** – Read/watch the story of Pentecost (below) and think about the wind/ flames the Disciples saw. Thank God for the gift of his Holy Spirit to help us know that he is always with us. As we reach the end of Thy Kingdom Come, pray that God would use you to tell others about him.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cJtafGUVno> – Cartoon animation with audio of the story.

https://youtu.be/M_ZnGJQT6D0 - Uses Godly Play style activity

Creative Prayer Stations at Home

- Find a bunch of twigs or a plant with plenty of offshoots that can easily be put into a vase/plant pot (gathering the twigs could be your daily exercise one day!). Create small paper luggage labels and tie one each day to your “tree” with a simple prayer written on it. If you haven’t got twigs, why not use magnets on the fridge or post-it notes on the bathroom mirror...?
- Make a paperchain, adding one link each day and writing on it something or someone that you want to pray for that day. Look back at the links through the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come and ask God to show you where he has been answering prayers and working in these situations.
- Create a “Kingdom Come Candle”. Take a large candle and mark 11 equal sections/days on it (Ascension – Pentecost with 9 days between), like an Advent candle with less days! Light the candle each day – *safely, and under adult supervision* – and as you do, think about the first followers of Jesus, also staying indoors, as they awaited to see what happened next. On the 31st May (Pentecost) put the candle in a window and think about the flames the Disciples saw on their heads. Just as they told people about Jesus on that day, pray that your candle will bring hope to people who see it.
- Need more ideas? Look at:
 - **Thy Kingdom Come** website has lots of creative ideas and activities that you might like to explore: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/category-families-and-young-people>
 - **Engage Worship** – Lots of creative ideas for prayer stations, to help you make space, reflect, retreat etc. If you have access to a garden, [this one](#) is great. Otherwise, there are further suggestions [here](#)
 - **All age Worship Resources** have a number of prayer station ideas, along with lots of other great resources. This [one](#), particularly looking at the Lord’s Prayer, could give a different prayer station each day of the Thy Kingdom Come season.

