

Thy Kingdom Come Novena of Prayer

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May 30th—June 9th



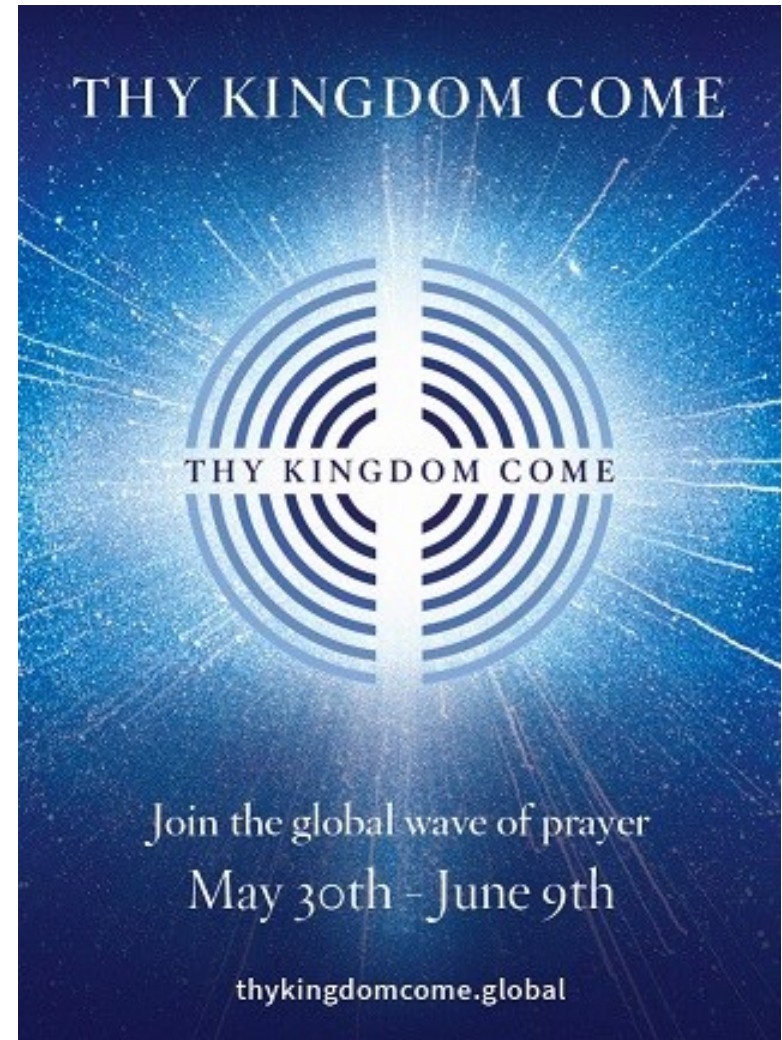
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Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Gathering

Lincoln Cathedral

June 8th 10: - 12:15





In May 2016 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invited Christians from across the Church of England to join a period of prayer during the days between Ascension and Pentecost— a time when the church traditionally focuses on prayer. This was the period when the Disciples were instructed by Jesus to pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would equip them to go out and proclaim the good news of the risen Jesus, good news which would transform all who heard and believed it. Our Archbishops encouraged everyone to ask for the Holy Spirit to help them be witnesses to Jesus Christ and to pray for others to discover that living faith.

In 2016 more than 100,000 Christians from different denominations and traditions took part, Christians from the UK and across the world. They joined in more than 3,000 events and services to pray for others to come to know Jesus Christ and for God's kingdom to come. The time of prayer culminated in six national Beacon Events over Pentecost weekend at cathedrals in different parts of the country. At Winchester demand was so great overflow areas with big screens had to be organised, and at Canterbury a live stream was set up for people to join in on the internet. By July it had received 300,000 views.

The response to this simple invitation was astonishing as hundreds of thousands joined in from churches of many denominations and different traditions around the UK and across the world.

In 2017, every diocese in the UK took part, and 85 per cent of Church of England churches and cathedrals were involved, as well as the churches of

the world-wide Anglican Communion and many other denominations and traditions. Leaders from Churches Together in England, including Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Baptist and Methodist churches, Free churches and Orthodox churches came together to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come'. This movement of prayer continues to grow, and in 2019 we invite the Christians of Lincoln diocese once again to join in with brothers and sisters from around the world. You can get involved in two main ways— locally and centrally.

Locally, there will be resources to help you in your own prayers and in praying as church congregations. Many churches choose to set aside other meetings and events during the novena (or nine days) between Ascension Day and Pentecost, this year 30th May to 9th June inclusive, and call people to regular, daily, committed prayer. But however you choose to do it, why not join with Christians worldwide in calling on God to grow his kingdom and pour out his Spirit?

And centrally we shall be holding a prayer event in the Cathedral on Saturday morning June 8th, the eve of Pentecost. This will run from 10:00 to 12:15 (with the option of staying on for the Cathedral Eucharist at 12:30). The morning will be an all-age-friendly opportunity to pray in many different ways, and various groups from around the diocese will create areas where we can explore different kinds of praying, but all with the same objective: calling on God to pour out his Spirit on the Church so that others may discover our good news.



This space to create our own prayers will be topped and tailed with worship together, and the event will also mark the official launch of the Community of St Hugh, a community of people committed to praying for the transformation of lives across Greater Lincolnshire. There will be opportunities to find out more about the Community, and to sign up to join if you would like to make that commitment.

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