



**A Short Service of
Prayers and Readings**

for use during

Thy Kingdom Come

**The National and International
Wave of Prayer
Ascension to Pentecost**

A Service of Prayers and Readings

We begin our prayers by saying

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

A prayer for the Church

Draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of
disciples

together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of
life,

together serving him in his mission to the world

and together witnessing to his love on every continent and
island.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

Amen.

We say or sing Psalm 67

1 God be gracious to us and bless us •
and make his face to shine upon us,

2 That your way may be known upon earth, •
your saving power among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; •
let all the peoples praise you.

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, •
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; •
let all the peoples praise you.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, •
and God, our own God, will bless us.

7 God will bless us, •
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

We read one of the following passages from Scripture,

Jesus cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”’ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive.

John 7.37-39a

Jesus said, ‘Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.’

Luke 11.9-10

This Form of Commitment to Prayer for our Friends may be used.

Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ
your light and glory have blazed forth.
Send your Holy Spirit that we may share
with our friends the life of your Son
and your love for all.

Keep a short silence for people to pray for particular friends
Strengthen us as a witness to that love
as we pledge to pray for them,
for your name's sake.

Amen.

We say together this Biblical song,

Refrain: The Spirit of God fills the whole world.

I will take you from the nations, •
and gather you from all the countries.

2 I will sprinkle clean water upon you, •
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.

3 A new heart I will give you, •
and put a new spirit within you,

4 And I will remove from your body the heart of stone •
and give you a heart of flesh.

5 You shall be my people, •
and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36.24-26,28b

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Refrain: **The Spirit of God fills the whole world.**

Let us pray

God of our salvation,
hope of all the ends of the earth,
we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That the world may know Jesus Christ
as the Prince of Peace,
we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That we may be bold to speak the word of God
while you stretch out your hand to save,
we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That the Church may be generous in giving,
faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming,
we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That the day may come when every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

The Lord's Prayer, either the traditional or the contemporary version, may be said here,

**Our Father, who art in
heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily
bread.
And forgive us our
trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into
temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

**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.**

We pray the prayer for Thy Kingdom Come.

**Almighty God,
your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your word
may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen**

Final Prayers

We pray
that those for whom we pray may
come to know and
love Jesus.

We pray
that we as his disciples will
be given new confidence and
encouragement by
the Holy Spirit.

We pray
that we may be made effective
witnesses to Jesus.

**Now to him
who by the power at work within us
is able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think,
to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus
to all generations,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Ephesians 3.20-21

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