

THY KINGDOM COME

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Welcome to Thy Kingdom Come 2022 in our Anglican Movement.

In this season there is a need to pray particularly around the theme of reconciliation.

So, alongside the resources available from our Anglican Communion, we also offer some ideas each day to pray for God's kingdom to come in light of the deep need for reconciliation across many areas of our common life – locally, nationally and internationally. You could do these in any order (some need a little advance preparation).



Military Conflict

Choose five areas from the list of current conflicts below. Tie a ribbon to a fence as you pray:

Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace, who breaks down the walls that divide.

Ukraine. Afghanistan. Myanmar. Ethiopia. Yemen. Chad. Mali. Sudan. South Sudan. Iraq. Burundi. Syria. Venezuela. Nigeria. Democratic Republic of Congo. Central African Republic. Central America.

See unhcr.org/en-au/emergencies



Ideological Conflict

Pray for five people you disagree with. Always start by praying for yourself.

Grab a piece of string, enough to tie around your wrist. Make six knots to represent you and the five you are praying for.

Tie these people to you, remembering your common yoke, and wear them close to you until Pentecost.



Ecological Reconciliation

Plant five tree seedlings. As you plant, pray this:

Loving Spirit, breath of life: bless these your creations and help them to grow tall and strong. As they clean and purify the air we breathe may we be aware of our connectedness with all creation, and mindful of the responsibility of care You have given us. Amen.



Racial Reconciliation

Actively put yourself in a place of prayerful learning.

Identify your 5 closest marae. Learn their names. Pray specifically for each place.

You may like to read this:

www.salvationarmy.org.nz/learning-marae



Housing Inequity

Pray for five people or families struggling with housing needs.

Grab a length of wood, a hammer, and five nails. Remember each person as you hammer in each nail. As you pray, you could include Jesus' words of promise of God's equity:

"In my Father's house are many rooms. See, I am going to prepare a place for you."



Abuse of Power

Select five of the common types of abuses of power listed below. Hold five minutes of silence.

Physical abuse. Psychological abuse. Sexual abuse. Worker exploitation. Financial abuse. Abuse by neglect. Institutional abuse.

Now name each type out loud, and after each, pray together:
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.



Prison Reform

Pray for our 4 local prisons Whanganui, Rimutaka, Arohata, Manawatu and 1 of your local community correction facilities.

Pray for safe places for former prisoners as they re-enter the community at the end of their sentences.



Media Reconciliation

Find five comments in the media, e.g. YouTube comments, social media comments, letters to the editor.

Pray directly for these conversations and those involved: for the light and life of Christ to infuse these spaces.



The reconciliation offered through Jesus to everyone

Pray for five people to come to know the freedom and wholeness that Jesus offers for us all through his death and resurrection.

Write the names or initials of your people down on five pieces of card.

Share these cards with five others.

Thy Kingdom Come in your faith community



Welcome to Thy Kingdom Come 2022 in our Anglican Movement. Join in with followers of Jesus all around the world for 10 days of prayer from Ascension to Pentecost: 26 May - 5 June. Together let's pray for God's kingdom to come.

The brilliant thing about Thy Kingdom Come is the huge range of resources available to adapt to suit your context. We recommend you take a look at the website (www.thykingdomcome/global) and see what might work for your faith community. This is a great opportunity to build, re-invigorate or empower prayer teams, so we suggest you work together to build a small team to coordinate Thy Kingdom Come in your faith community.

Through Thy Kingdom Come, we encourage you to encourage your people to pray together, even if just on Zoom. Based on the call for a holistic life of discipleship, we believe that:

- The act of prayer (UP, in worship to God) is...
- Powerful together (IN, with the community of faith) with an opportunity to be accountable to one another in...
- Spirit-inspired action (OUT, to the world God longs to make whole).

We'd love to hear what you are up to, to share stories of big and small of God at work through the power of prayer, and encourage the whole body of our Movement. Please get in touch with what you plan to do, and what happened afterwards at communications@anglicanmovement.nz or via our Facebook page.