

Thy Kingdom Come
Prayer Meeting
4th June 2022

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.

Collect for Thy Kingdom Come

Let's start by praying for our five. Here's a video to encourage us.

George Muller video

Time of quiet to bring the people we are praying for before God.

Praying for Opportunities and Celebrate what God is doing.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth'. [Acts 1:8]

We pray for:

- opportunities to speak to people we are praying for
- opportunities for people we meet – perhaps in street parties over the weekend.
- opportunities at church – new activities
- opportunities in town – CTF stuff coming up – carnival, the missions we support or are in town – Walton Parish Nursing, The Compass, CAP, Hope Trust, Boost, Port Missions

We pray in faith that God will move in power in these situations.

God of every time and place
you hold each moment and shape each day;
open our eyes to see you at work,
walk beside us wherever our journeys lead,
help us to have confidence that you provide us with what we need
and strengthen us as your disciples in every area of our lives,
in the power of the Spirit
and in the name of Jesus. Amen

Praying through the Challenges

16 'I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.
17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, because He abides with you, and He will be in you'.
[John 14:16-17]

The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as

though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. *2 Corinthians 3.17,18*

Bringing peace, life and hope through the worship and witness of MRBC

We pray for:

- those needing a working of the Spirit in their life – the sick, those under pressure, those going through family problems, those doing exams, those pressured at work
- Pray that we will know the Lord's presence and guidance as we seek a new Pastor.
- Continue to pray that the Lord will provide the resources, financially and in terms of people as we seek to move forward.

We also pray for peace

- thanks for 70 years of our monarch's reign and her Christian witness. May this be a characteristic of our land as we move forward against the background of so many problems.
- For the country of Ukraine, that peace may be sought between the countries of Russia and Ukraine.
- For refugees both within Ukraine and in other countries – and also here in Felixstowe.

Finally we pray for the peace of God in our lives:

21 Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased. *Luke 3:21-22*

Only in the account of Jesus baptism does the Holy Spirit appear in the form of a dove. But of course we bring in all the mentions of the peace that is ours in the Spirit. In our imaginations this dove of peace is usually a brilliant white spotless creature. However, Luke uses the word for a different type of dove; a rock dove. A rock dove is of nondescript colour and is so named because it lays its eggs in the inner recesses of caves and dark places. The picture we see is of the Holy Spirit as the one who brings life in the deepest and darkest recesses of our life. This is the peace of God. Coming into our deepest and most hidden places, the inaccessible places, and there bringing, creating and generating peace. *(From the Thy Kingdom Come daily materials, 2022)*

Come Holy Spirit ... breathe Your breath into me that I may be Your new creation, and breathe into life those I hold before You. Amen.