

RESOURCES FOR PRAYER AND WORSHIP



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THY KINGDOM COME

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RESOURCES FOR PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Introduction

We hope that these texts and outlines, which are offered to all who are planning to join the Archbishops' global prayer movement, *Thy Kingdom Come*, will help you and those with whom you worship to *pray that people you know might know Jesus*. Although some of them are drawn from traditionally Anglican forms of prayer and worship, many will be familiar to Christians of any denomination. The texts and outlines can be used as they stand, or creatively adapted to suit the needs of your particular community.

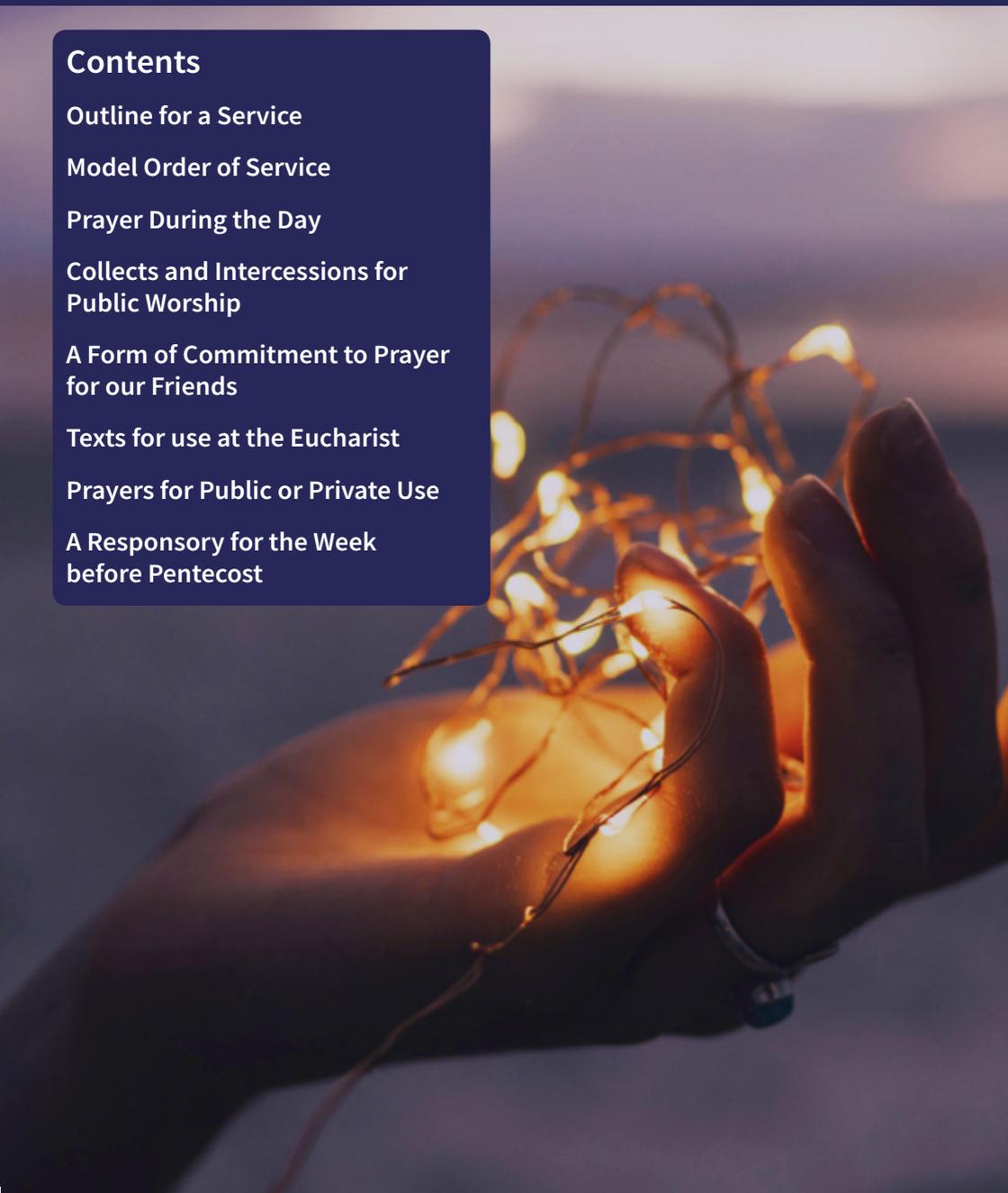
It is hoped that as many *Thy Kingdom Come* events as are able will use the Prayer, along with the one Jesus himself taught us, to unite all who are part of this global wave.

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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.



A SERVICE FOR *THY KINGDOM COME*

Outline



Opening

We ask God to give us help as we join in prayer with Christians around the world, that his love, made known to us in Jesus, may be known everywhere.



Psalm

Ancient words of prayer and praise from the Bible are used.



Reading

We listen to the words of Jesus, who is speaking to us.



Reflection

We may listen to a talk or sermon, or contemplate the reading quietly.



Form of Commitment

We ask God for strength as we commit to praying that our friends may come to know Jesus.



Biblical Song

We may use a song from Ezekiel (Eze 36:24-26, 28b), or another song, to move from commitment into prayer.



Prayer

We pray for the coming of the Spirit, that our friends may come to know Jesus, and that we may be effective witnesses of his love for us. We conclude with the Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come and, if desired, the Lord's Prayer.



Song or Hymn

We prepare to be sent out into the world.



Conclusion

We praise and thank God.

Model Order of Service



Opening

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.

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.**



Psalm

*Or another psalm
such as Psalm 2 or
Psalm 46.*

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.

Psalm 67

*The following may
be said:*

**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.**



Reading

We read one of the following passages from Scripture, or another passage.

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



Reflection

We reflect on the words of Jesus.



Commitment

Creative ways of praying the names of friends privately, or of sharing them in a collective way, can be devised.

See our website, thykingdom.co.uk, for ideas.

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 I may share with my friends
[Name & Name]
the life of your Son and your love for all.
Strengthen me as a witness to that love
as I pledge to pray for them,
for your name's sake. **Amen.**



Biblical Song

A Song of Ezekiel, or another canticle, may be said or sung.

Refrain: [All:] The Spirit of God fills the whole world.

- 1 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

The following may be said:

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: [All:] The Spirit of God fills the whole world.



Prayer

We pray using the following words or using another form of prayer.

We pray

- that those for whom we pray may come to know and love Jesus;
- that we as his disciples will be given new confidence and encouragement by the Holy Spirit;
- that we may be made effective witnesses to Jesus.

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 may be said here, or at an earlier time.

We pray the prayer for Thy Kingdom Come.

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.



Song or Hymn

A song or hymn may be sung here, to send us out as witnesses to Jesus.



Conclusion

We end our prayers with this final acclamation:

**Glory to God,
whose power, at work among us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or conceive;
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever.
Alleluia. Amen.**

Ephesians 3.20-21

Prayer During the Day *Thy Kingdom Come*

Discovering a pattern for prayer

During *Thy Kingdom Come*, you are invited to discover new habits and ways of praying to God, that those whom you know might come to know Jesus.

From the earliest days of the Church, people have gathered together to praise God and to pray for salvation through his Son. *Prayer During the Day* is a form of worship and prayer which can be used by individuals or in groups, at any time of the day, as a structure for praise and petition. It is drawn from *Common Worship*, one of the worship resources of the Church of England. You are welcome to use it in any way you like, or change it so that it suits your needs.

Whether you are new to ‘structured’ prayer or an old hand, you are invited to try *Prayer During the Day* for the period between Ascension and Pentecost. We hope you may find in it a spiritual rhythm which will nourish your heart and keep prayer on your lips, enabling you to become part of a global wave of prayer.

How to use *Prayer During the Day*

- You can read what follows out loud, or to yourself.
- You can pray by yourself or in a group. When in a group, everyone can say the words in bold type. You can choose to say or sing the psalms and songs together or to choose someone to speak and others to listen.
- You can choose your own psalms, songs, and readings, or use the ones given.
- There is a passage of Scripture for each day of *Thy Kingdom Come*. You may wish to use each on the day for which it is listed, or you might use other readings.
- In the Prayers, you can pray out loud or silently whether by yourself or in a group, and you can pray in your own words or use the ones suggested.

Hints and tips

*You will find some ideas and reflections attached to the texts.
Feel free to think about these before or after praying, or while you are reading the texts.*

Prayer During the Day from Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

Preparation

We ask God to guide us as we pray

O God, make speed to save us.

[All:] O Lord, make haste to help us.

Gladden the soul of your servant,

[All:] for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Psalm 86:4

As an act of praise, you can include your own hymn or song here, or say this song from Scripture

Praise

A hymn song, canticle, extempore praise or

Blessed are you, the God of our ancestors, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed is your holy and glorious name, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, in your holy and glorious temple, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you who look into the depths, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, enthroned on the cherubim, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

The Song of the Three 29-34

The Word of God

On Ascension Day and on any day Psalm 47

Refrain: *O sing praises to God, sing praises.*

1 Clap your hands together, all you peoples; •
O sing to God with shouts of joy.

2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; •
he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdued the peoples under us •
and the nations under our feet.

Listen to the words of the Bible, in a psalm and a short reading.

What do these passages make you think about? Which words, images, and ideas strike you? How do they make you feel?

(or)

Sunday:

Psalm 104.26-32

Monday:

Psalm 21.1-7

Tuesday: Psalm 29

Wednesday:

Psalm 46

Thursday: Psalm 84

Friday: Psalm 93

Saturday: Psalm 98

4 He has chosen our heritage for us, •
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves. **R**

5 God has gone up with a merry noise, •
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

6 O sing praises to God, sing praises; •
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill. **R**

8 God reigns over the nations; •
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples are gathered together •
with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 For the powers of the earth belong to God •
and he is very highly exalted.

Refrain: *O sing praises to God, sing praises.*

*As Christ was raised by your glory, O Father,
so may we be raised to new life
and rejoice to be called your children,
both now and for ever.*

This is a traditional way of ending a psalm

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with:

**[All:] 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.**

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Short Readings

Ascension Day or on any day after Ascension

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Hebrews 9.24

Friday after Ascension

As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to human beings, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hebrews 2.8b-10

Saturday after Ascension

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38,39

Sunday after Ascension

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he 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

Monday

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.28-end

Tuesday

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12.4-7

Wednesday

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

Joel 2.28,29

Thursday

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. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Luke 11.9-13

Friday

In Christ every one of God's promises is a 'Yes'. For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen', to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment.

2 Corinthians 1.20-22

Saturday

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

The Day of Pentecost

Jesus said, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

John 20.21,22

Response

Silence, study or words from Scriptures, such as:

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,

[All:] and let the one who believes in me drink.

You might want to use this time to offer

- A testimony about how God has inspired you with his Spirit
- Some reflections on the passage from Scripture
- Reflective silence
- A musical reflection

Prayers

You can use these 'prompts' to guide your own prayers, especially if praying by yourself, or you can plan some other prayers. A form especially appropriate for Thy Kingdom Come is given in full below.

Prayer may include these concerns:

- *God's royal priesthood, that it may be empowered by the Spirit*
- *Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal*
- *All people, that they may acknowledge the kingdom of the ascended Christ*

The following may be prayed:

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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.

This prayer will be used in all public Thy Kingdom Come events, and you are encouraged to pray it in personal and group prayer as well.

Use the version most familiar to you, in the language of your choice.

The prayer for *Thy Kingdom Come*, or another prayer, may be said.

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.

The Lord's Prayer is said.

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The Conclusion

We are sent out to seek the Spirit in our lives.

May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts and minds.

[All:] Amen.

View Prayer During the Day for the period between
Ascension Day and Pentecost online:

www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/worship/texts/daily2/day/ascensiantopentecost.aspx

It may also be found in *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* pp.80—84 or, for an easy-to-use and convenient resource for prayer which will take you through the days of the week and the seasons of the year, see the Church House Publishing prayer book *Time to Pray* (where this order may be found on pp.64—68).

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Prayers and Intercession for Public Worship

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.

Collect for Mission and Evangelism (from Common Worship)

Almighty God
who called your Church to witness
that you were in Christ reconciling
the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Some suggested forms of intercessory prayer

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 all who are estranged and without hope
may be brought near in the blood of Christ,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the Church may be one in serving
and proclaiming the gospel,
we pray:

Your 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 Church may welcome and support
all whom God calls to faith, we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That all who serve the gospel may be kept in safety
while your word accomplishes its purpose,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That all who suffer for the gospel
may know the comfort and glory of Christ,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

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

Your kingdom come.

Almighty God,
by your Holy Spirit you have made us one
with your saints in heaven and on earth:
grant that in our earthly pilgrimage
we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer,
and know ourselves surrounded by their witness
to your power and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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(or) We come before the Son of God, crucified and risen,
who eternally intercedes for us to the Father, saying:
turn our hearts again.

Son of God, you came into the world to save sinners:
[All:] turn our hearts again.

You became poor that we might become rich:
[All:] turn our hearts again.

You have taken on yourself all our sufferings:
[All:] turn our hearts again.

You loved the Church and gave yourself for her:
[All:] turn our hearts again.

For the joy which was set before you,
you endured the cross:
[All:] turn our hearts again.

King of the ages, you brought us the gift of life
and opened the way to unending joy:
[All:] turn our hearts again.

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(or) Let us turn to the risen Lord,
who gives us the Spirit to make all things new, saying:
renew us in your love.

O Word of life,
one God with the Father and the Spirit:
[All:] renew us in your love.

O eternal Light,
who through the working of the Holy Spirit
received from the Virgin our human nature:
[All:] renew us in your love.

O crucified Redeemer,
by the eternal Spirit you offered yourself to the Father for us:
[All:] renew us in your love.

You breathed on the apostles the Spirit of your love,
that sinners might come to know the mercy of God:
[All:] renew us in your love.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
from whom we receive the gifts of the Spirit:
[All:] renew us in your love.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit
you wash away our sins in the waters of baptism
and open our hearts to the guiding hand of the Father:
[All:] renew us in your love.



(or) Let us give thanks to Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd,
who laid down his life for us all, saying:
[All:] we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

You lead us out and we find pasture:
[All:] we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

You call us by name and
we hear your voice:
[All:] we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

Whoever enters by you will be saved:
[All:] we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

You laid down your life in order
to take it up again:
[All:] we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

You came that we might have life and have it abundantly:
[All:] we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

You lead us through the valley of the shadow of death
and we fear no evil:
[All:] we thank you, Jesus our Lord.



Prayers of Intercession from *Rites on the Way*

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father,
through Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.
We pray for all who follow the Way of Christ
and for the unity of all Christian people;
break down that which separates us from one another and from you,
that knowing your forgiveness we may share your love
with a needy world.

Lord, hear us.

[All:] Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who hold positions of responsibility and power
both internationally and in our local communities;
may your Holy Spirit guide them in their decision-making,
so that paths of truth and justice may be open to everyone.
Lord, hear us.

[All:] Lord, graciously hear us.

We give you thanks and pray
for all who support and care for us as we follow the Way of Christ,
our families and friends,
and our fellow pilgrims along the way;
nourish us all with the words of life and the bread of heaven,
that we may worship you joyfully,
listen to you willingly
and serve you gladly.

Lord, hear us.

[All:] Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who,
through sickness, misfortune or abuse,
feel that their lives are without meaning or direction;
surround them with your love,
and give wisdom and patience to all who support and guide them.
Lord, hear us.

[All:] Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for the fullness of life you give us in Jesus Christ,
and for all whose lives have been an example of your truth
and life for us;
may our communion with them, and with all the saints,
nourish and support us on our earthly pilgrimage.
Lord, hear us.

[All:] Lord, graciously hear us.

A form of commitment to prayer for our friends

Loving Father,
in the face of Jesus Christ
your light and glory have blazed forth.
Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends *[Name & Name]*
the life of your Son and your love for all.
Strengthen me as a witness to that love
as I pledge to pray for them,
for your name's sake. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said.

Eucharistic propers for mission and evangelism
See *Common Worship: Times and Seasons*, pp.149-158, or www.churchofengland.org/media/41154/tandsepiophany.pdf

Further prayers for public or private use

A Prayer for Wholeness

O Lord, penetrate those murky corners where we hide memories and tendencies on which we do not care to look, but which we will not disinter and yield freely up to you, that you may purify and transmute them: the persistent buried grudge, the half-acknowledged enmity which is still smouldering; the bitterness of that loss we have not turned into sacrifice; the private comfort we cling to; the secret fear of failure which saps our initiative and is really inverted pride; the pessimism which is an insult to your joy, Lord; we bring all these to you, and we review them with shame and penitence in your steadfast light.

Evelyn Underhill

Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us; and for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

St Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

A Prayer of Eric Milner-White

Look graciously upon us, O Holy Spirit, and give us, for our hallowing, thoughts that pass into prayer, prayers that pass into love, and love that passes into life with you for ever.

Eric Milner-White (1884-1963)

Prayers from Rites on the Way for discipleship (Common Worship)

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

(or) Lord Christ, true light of the world,
shine, we pray, in the hearts of your people,
that we might see the Way that leads to eternal life,
and follow without stumbling;
for you are the Way, O Christ,
as you are the Truth and the Life.

(or) God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Lord Jesus Christ,
may the tears shed in your earthly life
be balm for all who weep,
and may the prayers of your pilgrimage
give strength to all who suffer;
for your mercy's sake.

(or) Jesus Christ, Son of God,
who passed through the dark sleep of death,
remember those who cry to you
in shame and silence and defeat
and raise them to your risen life,
for you are alive and reign for ever.

(or) Give to us, Lord Christ,
the fullness of grace,
your presence and your very self,
for you are our portion and our delight,
now and for ever.

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(or) God, our light and our salvation,
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and, looking on your beauty,
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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(or) Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ,
to hear the music of your voice
above the chaos of this world;
open our eyes to see the vision of your glory,
for you are our King, now and for ever.

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(or) O Christ, door of the sheepfold,
may we enter your gates with praise
and go from your courts to serve you
in the poor, the lost and the wandering,
this day and all our days.

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(or) God of life and love,
whose Son was victorious over sin and death,
make us alive with his life,
that the whole world may resound with your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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A Responsory for the week before Pentecost
(cf Romans 8)

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

[All:] and kindle in us the fire of your love.

All who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

[All:] Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,

[All:] and kindle in us the fire of your love.

For the creation waits with eager longing
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

**[All:] Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

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