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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every day around the world God's people raise their voices in prayer for the coming of the Kingdom. It is for this we long. It is for this we work. It is for this we pray, as Jesus taught us.

At the invitation of our Archbishops of Canterbury and York, churches and cathedrals, communities and families are setting apart time between Ascension Day and Pentecost for concentrated prayer: *Thy Kingdom Come*. Around the country and around the world hundreds of thousands of people will be waiting on the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit to equip us to proclaim, witness and serve.

From the Archbishops' Evangelism Task Group we are writing simply to encourage you to participate as much as possible in *Thy Kingdom Come*. Much is already in place, but it is not too late to join in. There is a great wealth of resources available to help individuals, families, churches and cathedrals to take part as they see fit. These can be found on the website www.thykingdomcome.global. You'll find there a host of useful material: liturgical resources including outline orders of service, prayer journals, ideas for prayer rooms, novena booklets, children's activity sheets, and family prayer packs.

The *Thy Kingdom Come* team would be very grateful if you would please forward this e-mail to those in your church community, encouraging all to sign up and take part as they are able. Some parishes may wish to include in their weekly pew sheet a word of explanation and encouragement for all to join in *Thy Kingdom Come*. This could be something like:

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called on all Christians to spend the ten days between Ascension Day & Pentecost praying to grow in confidence as witnesses to Christ (25th May to 4th June). Hundreds of thousands of people across the Church of England have already committed to be involved. If you haven't yet signed up to pray over those ten days, can I encourage you to do so at: www.thykingdomcome.global (you'll also then receive a short video from Archbishop Justin and others each day of the ten days). In this parish our plans for 'Thy Kingdom come' are.....There's also more information and a wide range of resources available for all ages on the website.

Archbishop Justin has said, 'I cannot remember anything in my life that I've been involved in where I have sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit'.

In the past every move of God to grow His Church has begun in prayer. Let us play our part.

We can help each other with this by sharing all that God is calling the Church to do around the country, so please do let us know your plans, and register your events online. For all those who register online there will be a daily video sent straight to their inbox on each day of *Thy Kingdom Come*.

Thank you for reading, thank you for planning and thank you for praying.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,
Thy Kingdom Come Team