Thy Kingdom Come 2020: Five Ways to Engage

More than ever, **Thy Kingdom Come** offers the opportunity to engage in concerted prayer for the coming of God's kingdom, that the church will be equipped to fulfil its mission and that family members, neighbours, friends and work colleagues will come to faith in Christ. While gathered prayer meetings will not be possible in May 2020, *Thy Kingdom Come* prayer opportunities include:



- **1.** Regular times of prayer lots of Churches are live-streaming both Sunday Services and Daily Prayer/reflections. Why not use Thy Kingdom Come as a focus for these from May 21st-31st? Materials provided by the Church of England (downloadable HERE) and the Roman Catholic Church (downloadable HERE).
- **2. Pray for Five.** This has always been an emphasis during Thy Kingdom Come. An encouragement to pray for five people we know who are not yet followers of Jesus that they might be drawn to know and love Him for themselves. The addition this year is that we also ask God how we can share our faith with them both now and after the restrictions are over.
- **3.** *Prayer and Care.* It's amazing to see how much goodness is revealed through people's actions during this pandemic. Christians are also doing this of course but are we interweaving our acts of kindness with prayer and looking for the opportunities to speak a "word in season"? There are more ideas and resources HERE.
- **4. 24/7 Prayer / Continuous Prayer** Why not consider hosting a continuous virtual prayer event? It could be held for 24/1, 24/7 or 240 hours of prayer 24/10! You may wish to connect with other churches locally from different denominations or even connect with churches in different parts of the world. Have a look at the continuous prayer page **here** to enable that can help you to plan this event.

5. *Digital Resources for Individuals and Families* Thy Kingdom Come daily **Prayer Journal**



Free download **HERE**

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Adventure Map



Free download <u>HERE</u>) engaging children and their families in prayer

MORE IDEAS, links and resources can be found at the *Thy Kingdom Come* website HERE. A video by Revd Canon Chris Russell, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Advisor on Evangelism and Witness, can be viewed HERE. A *Thy Kingdom Come* app will become live in May. This has daily videos, bible readings, reflections, and podcasts from N.T Wright. The Thy Kingdom Come Video Library also has over 200 videos to download, including reflections and testimonies from influential Christians.

I'd love to know what you are planning to do, please let me know chrisdensham@staytelford.co.uk