

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.**

A prayer for Growth
God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church:
send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer
Let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Conclusion

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



THY KINGDOM COME

Friday 31 May

In these days leading up to Pentecost we are following the invitation of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York by meeting to pray for the people of England and that Christ's name may be known and honoured in our land.

Preparation

My brothers and sisters,
our help is in the name of the eternal God,
All **who is making the heavens and the earth.**

Eternal Spirit,
flow through our being and open our lips,
All **that our mouths may proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the God of love.
All **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Praise

Hymn: 339 Be thou my vision (Vs 1, 4 & 5)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be thou my inheritance now and always,
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayer

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.
All **Amen.**

The Word of God

Psalm 113

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

**2 Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and for evermore.**

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**4 The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.**

5 Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,

**6 who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?**

7 He raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

**8 to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.**

9 He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the Lord!

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.**

Bible Reading: Romans 12.9-16

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

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.**

Prayers

Today we pray especially for all who exercise parental roles and responsibilities - for parents, grandparents, step-parents and foster-parents; for Godparents; for teachers and children's workers; and all those who educate our children.

Loving God, as Mary and Joseph cared for Jesus in his earliest years as he became strong and filled with wisdom so bless all who are parents and role-models to the children of our land. Grant that they may diligently protect and nurture the young and ever be mindful of the influence they have over them for good or ill. Give them love, laughter and light in their lives and draw them ever closer to you who is both mother and father to us all. In the name of Christ we pray.

All **Amen.**

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.**