

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

Monday 3 June

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: 138 Come Holy Ghost

- Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
- 2 Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.
 - 3 Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
where thou art guide, no ill can come.
 - 4 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One,
that through the ages all along,
this may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



Prayer

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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalm 21.1-7

- 1 The king shall rejoice in your strength, O Lord;
how greatly shall he rejoice in your salvation!
- 2 You have given him his heart's desire
and have not denied the request of his lips.
- 3 For you come to meet him
with blessings of goodness
and set a crown of pure gold upon his head.
- 4 He asked of you life and you gave it him,
length of days, for ever and ever.
- 5 His honour is great because of your salvation;
glory and majesty have you laid upon him.
- 6 You have granted him everlasting felicity
and will make him glad
with joy in your presence.
- 7 For the king puts his trust in the Lord;
because of the loving-kindness of the Most High,
he shall not be overthrown.

**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: Isaiah 40.28-end

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.

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 the children and young people of England - that they may come to know God in Jesus Christ and find a place in the life of his body, the church.

God, we pray for our nation's children and young people. Increase their wonder at the gift of life, their reverence for all that is holy and their respect for others. Help them to be aware of your love for them and to know you in your son Jesus Christ. Free them to respond with joy to the good news of your love and strengthen them all to keep faith with you. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.

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.

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.