

You lead us through the valley  
of the shadow of death  
and we fear no evil:

*All* **we thank you, Jesus our Lord.**

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

*Wednesday 5 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: 493 Rejoice, O land

Rejoice, O land, in God thy might,  
his will obey, him serve aright;  
for thee the saints uplift their voice:  
fear not, O land, in God rejoice.

2 Glad shalt thou be, with blessing crowned,  
with joy and peace thou shalt abound;  
yea, love with thee shall make his home  
until thou see God's kingdom come.

3 He shall forgive thy sins untold:  
remember thou his love of old;  
walk in his way, his word adore,  
and keep his truth for evermore.

### Prayer

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.

*All* **Amen.**



## The Word of God

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake  
in the heart of the sea;
- 3 though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- 4 here is a river whose streams  
make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of the city;  
it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- 6 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 8 Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations  
he has brought on the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.
- 10 'Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.'
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**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: Joel 2.28,29

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.

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 that the workplace may be a fruitful field for evangelism in our land. We pray that those who profess the Christian faith would be uninhibited in their daily work, find respect and inspire others to come to a living and life-giving faith.*

Gracious and loving God, you work everywhere reconciling, loving, and healing your people and your creation. Wherever women and men are at work today, may your presence be among them to guard against bitterness and rivalry, and foster cooperation and good will. Help us all who look to you to have our eyes fully opened to your mission in the world that our conversations and bearing towards others may reveal your goodness and that we may have opportunities to bear witness to you at the right and proper time. May Christ's name be honoured wherever we work and God's kingdom come. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**All Amen.**

Let us give thanks to Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for us all, saying:  
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.**