

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 7 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: 431 O thou who camest from above

- O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart.
- 2 There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.
  - 3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work and speak and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire  
and still stir up the gift in me.
  - 4 Still let me prove thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat,  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.

## 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 93

- 1 The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.  
He has established the world;  
it shall never be moved;
- 2 your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.
- 3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.
- 4 More majestic than the thunders  
of mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves of the sea,  
majestic on high is the Lord!
- 5 Your decrees are very sure;  
holiness befits your house,  
O Lord, for evermore.

*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: 2 Corinthians 1.20-22

In Christ every one of God's promises is a 'Yes'. For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen', to the glory of God.

But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment.

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 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.**