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The Archbishops' call to Prayer

10th – 20th May 2018

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Thy Kingdom Come is a simple invitation to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for friends and family to come to faith. Now in its third year, participation has grown every year.

In 2016 – 100,000 Christians pledged to pray. By 2017 – more than half a million had pledged to pray from more than 85 countries

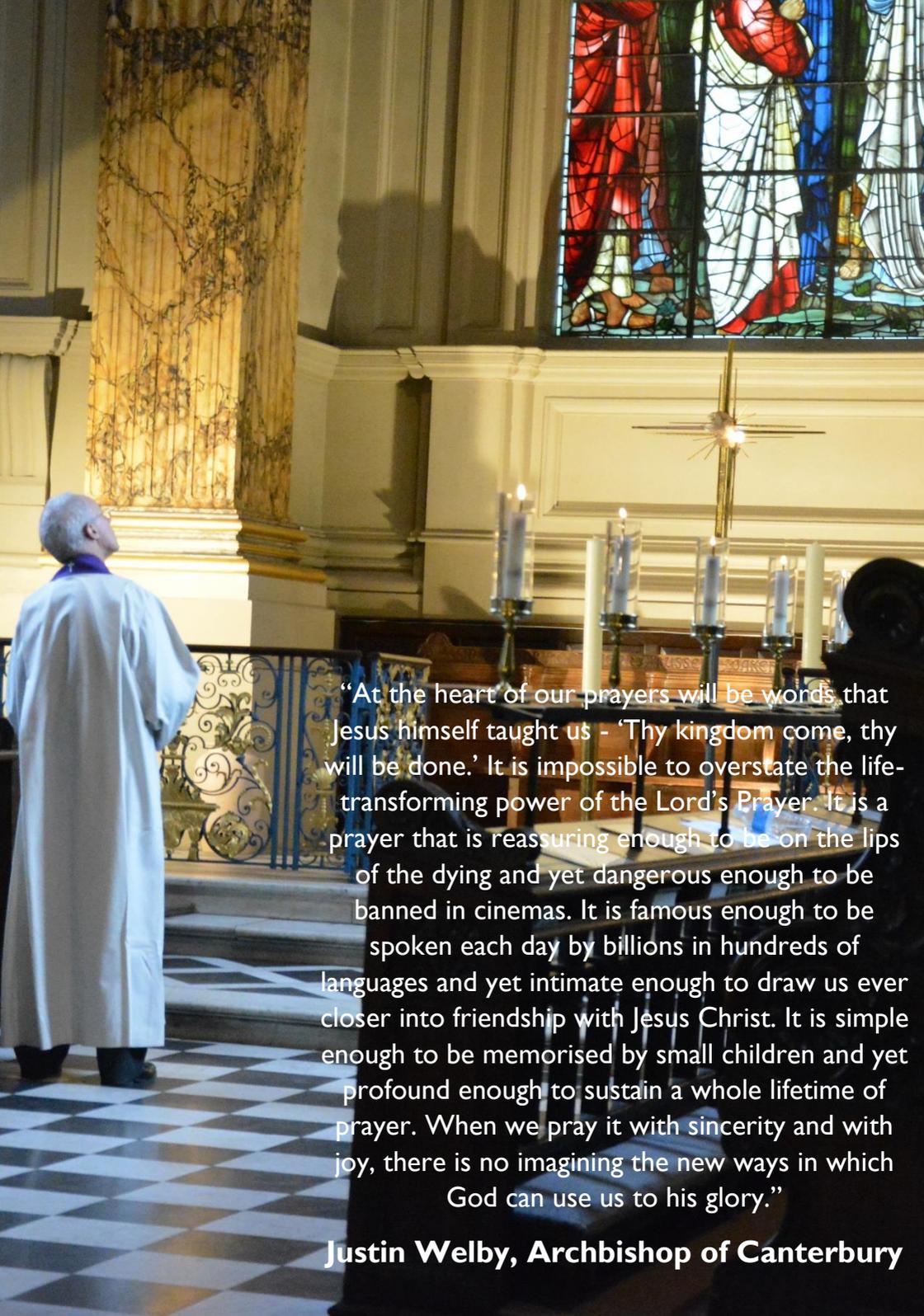
The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written to every Cathedral and Church in the Church of England expressing their longing “to see **a great wave of prayer** across our land, throughout the Church of England and many other Churches” from the 10th to 20th May, 2018.

We are going to be joining in with this initiative here at the cathedral and hope you’ll want to be part of this week of prayer.

How can we here at Birmingham Cathedral respond to this call? Here are some suggestions that you might want to try;

1. The Cathedral has a **daily pattern of worship** throughout the week. Weekday mornings at 8:00am with Morning Prayer and Holy Communion for 30 mins and each evening at 5:45pm. This is either Evening Prayer or Choral Evensong. On Saturdays it is 9:00am and 3:30pm. Why not make a decision to join in with us for one or more times as we pray for the world, the city and the church?
2. You might be thinking, I’d like to but it simply isn’t practical for me to do this. If you’d still like to pray, why not take a copy of the TKC Morning and Evening Prayer Booklets that we’ll be using during the 10 days at our morning and evening services and join with us from a distance. You’ll find all appropriate readings in the back of the booklet.

3. We are here in Birmingham, a city on a hill. The Cathedral occupies the highest point in the city. Would you like to pray by joining a **prayer walk** around the city centre? Prayer walking is as simple as it sounds - praying as you walk. This is an opportunity for you and others if you'd like to, to join with a few others to walk around the city praying for God's blessing on our city and its institutions. A written guide will be available to help you pray.
4. Simply make a commitment to come into the cathedral at a convenient time for you and **pray for an hour**. It isn't as scary or as long as you might be thinking. Leaflets will be available in both side chapels to help you use the hour, where you can pray for yourself or for our nation. Don't forget that there are 168 hours in the week. You could always come back for more, or even use it at home!
5. **Praying for 5 friends**. Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do; persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives. Choose five people you would regularly like to pray for and write their names down onto a post-it note and put it somewhere in a place where you'll see it. (i.e. above the kettle in the kitchen or in your handbag! The creative possibilities are endless) Once you have settled on 5 names, commit to praying for them regularly.
6. Spend time inside the cathedral using the **prayer spaces** and reflection stations.



“At the heart of our prayers will be words that Jesus himself taught us - ‘Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.’ It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord’s Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.”

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury