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Pledge to Pray 9th - 19th May 2024

Families Praying for Relatives and Friends

Dear Families, as we embark on this sacred journey from the Ascension to Pentecost, we invite families to join hearts and hands in an eleven day global wave of prayer known as "Thy Kingdom Come 2024."

This family-friendly initiative unites believers across the world in a simple yet profound mission: to pray for our friends, neighbours and family members, that they may discover the love and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through this journey together in prayer, let's spend five minutes each day praying for five people to come to Christ. This can be a powerful and transforming experience in itself. You may want to list five people below:

We hold these people in prayer in the hope that they come to faith in Jesus:

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First read the daily scripture verse. Take a moment to pause and ponder God's Word. Then, as a family, read the reflection and share any thoughts that arise.

DAY ONE Thursday 9th May The Ascension of the Lord

"He said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all creation.'" Mark 16:15

Reflection: The Ascension marks a special moment in Christian faith - Jesus' return to Heaven. The message of Jesus to share the Good News with everyone is an epic mission from Heaven. It's exciting to think about telling others how much God loves them and the wonderful things He has done for us all. This mission isn't just for a few; it's for all of us, inviting everyone into God's big, loving family. **Let's Pray:** Father, thank You for trusting us with Your Good News. Help us to be brave and joyful in sharing Your love with everyone, especially [Names 1- 5], so they can experience the joy of Your love too. Amen.

DAY TWO Friday 10th May Love Without Limits

"Beloved, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us, and His love is made perfect in us." 1 John 4:11-12

Reflection: God shows us how to love by loving us first. When we care for and help our friends and family, we are showing God's love to them. God has poured His love into our hearts so that we can overflow with love for others, making His love visible. **Let's Pray:** Help us, Father, to love others the way You love us. May [Names 1 - 5] know Your love. Amen.

DAY THREE Saturday 11th May God speaks to us

"In the past, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son." Hebrews 1:1-2

Reflection: God has always found ways to talk to us, and the most special way is through Jesus. God is having a heart-to-heart chat with us through His words and stories. Listening to Him in the quiet moments and through the stories of the Bible, we learn more about who He is and how much He loves us. **Let's Pray:** Father, help us listen closely to Your words through Jesus. Guide [Names 1- 5] to hear Your loving message. Amen.

DAY FOUR Sunday 12th May Crafted by God

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works..." Ephesians 2:10

Reflection: We are God's work of art, each of us made special to do amazing things in the world. God has given us unique talents and gifts, not just for our happiness but also to make the world a better place and improve the lives around us. **Let's Pray:** Thank You, Father, for making each of us unique works of art. Show [Names 1- 5] how they can do great things with Your love. Amen.

DAY FIVE Monday 13th May Gifts from the Heart

"Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4

Reflection: When we enjoy being with God and getting to know Him, He fills our hearts with happiness. Delighting in God transforms our desires, aligning them with His heart, so that what we wish for brings joy not only to us but also to those around us. Our deepest joys are found not in the getting, but in the giving, in the loving, and in the living out of our faith. **Let's Pray:** Father, help us find joy in You. May our hearts' wishes come true for [Names 1 - 5], as they grow closer to You. Amen.

DAY SIX Tuesday 14th May **Our Father who art in Heaven**

**"See what great love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"** 1 John 3:1

Reflection: It's marvellous to think we're God's children, loved so much by Him. He's always with us, like a parent on a wonderful journey. His presence is a constant comfort, a guiding light through both the joys and the challenges of life. This love reminds us that we belong to God, and in His eyes, we are precious and cherished. **Let's Pray:** Thank You, Father, for calling us Your children and loving us. Help [Names 1- 5] to feel they are a special part of Your big, loving family. Amen.

DAY SEVEN Wednesday 15th May **Always Listening**

**"In my distress I called to the Lord; He heard my voice;
my cry to Him reached His ears."** Psalm 18:6

Reflection: Even when we're really worried or upset, God listens to every word we say, like a best friend. He values our thoughts and feelings, encouraging us to come to Him with everything, knowing He cares deeply. Our prayers, big or small, matter to Him, and in His listening, we find peace and understanding. **Let's Pray:** Dear Father, thank You for always listening. Help [Names 1- 5] know they can talk to You anytime. Amen.

DAY EIGHT Thursday 16th May **Breaking Free**

**"For freedom Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."** Galatians 5:1

Reflection: Jesus gives us true freedom, like breaking free from chains. He wants us to live happily and freely, knowing we're loved by Him. This freedom is our birthright as children of God, a gift bought with His love and sacrifice. Embracing this freedom, we're called to live in the joy that comes from knowing we are saved and loved unconditionally. **Let's Pray:** Father, thank You for our freedom. Help us and [Names 1- 5] to live joyfully and free in Your love. Amen.

DAY NINE Friday 17th May **Love's Challenge**

**"I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth
and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."** Ephesians 3:18-19

Reflection: God's love is so big, it's everywhere and for everyone. Knowing this love makes us strong and brave. As we grow in understanding of this love, we're empowered to face life's challenges with faith and courage, knowing we're never alone. **Let's Pray:** Help us, Father, to understand and share Your love. Fill [Names 1- 5] with strength and courage. Amen.

DAY TEN Saturday 18th May **Fuelled by Faith**

**"Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more
than all we can ask or imagine, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all
generations, for ever and ever! Amen."** Ephesians 3:20-21

Reflection: God can do fantastic things in us and through us, more than we can even dream of. His power in us is like a supercharger, helping us to do amazing things for ourselves and others, to spread His love and light in the world. **Let's Pray:** Father, thank You for Your mighty power in us. Help [Names 1- 5] do wonderful things with Your strength. Amen.

DAY ELEVEN Sunday 19th May **Pentecost Sunday: The Gift of the Holy Spirit**

**"After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw
the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me so I am sending you.'
When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" John 20:20-22**

Reflection: Pentecost marks the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples, empowering them to spread the gospel. The Holy Spirit is our guide and comforter, strengthening us, helping us bring peace and make positive changes in the world. Today, let's celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in the world and in our lives.

Let's Pray: Thank You, Father, for the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. Fill us and [Name 1- 5] with Your Holy Spirit always, so we may grow in our love and knowledge of you, sharing Your love and peace with all we meet. Amen.

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