



Jesus loves all

A Prayer Journal

Thy Kingdom Come is a worldwide prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost. Since its launch by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016, Christians from 172 countries and 65 denominations have taken part in praying for friends and family to come to faith in Jesus Christ. The Methodist Church in Britain has been a key ecumenical partner in Thy Kingdom Come since 2017.

The days between Ascension and Pentecost have always been full of expectation and anticipation. As the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable the disciples to be witnesses. As they waited for the promise to be fulfilled they devoted themselves constantly to prayer (Acts 1.14). So, the renewed call across the Church is to set these days apart to pray, and each individual to pray for five people to come to know the love of Jesus Christ.

Below is space to write the names of five people that you will be praying for throughout Thy Kingdom Come.

How to use this prayer journal

Each day there is a passage from the Bible, a short reflection, a prayer, and a suggestion for action. There is also space each day for your own notes. Did a phrase jump out at you? Did God bring something to your mind as you prayed that day? When you tried to take action, how did it go? Make a note so that you can remember what God has been saying to you through your reading, your prayers, and your actions.

Throughout the journal there are images to help you meditate on each daily theme. Let these inspire you as you read through each section for that day; and add your own notes.

Day 5: Offer

The lost sheep



Reading: Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’” *Luke 15.1-6; Matthew 18.12-14*

Reflection: The loving God pursues us, just as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to find the one. From a rational perspective, the shepherd would do better to guard his ninety-nine and forsake the one that he’s lost

because that would be more profitable. But God’s love doesn’t seek profit – every individual sheep is worth pursuing.

Sometimes we can be exclusive about the people for whom we want to show love and care. In verse 2 we read: ‘the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners, and eats with them.”’ But the Jesus that we claim to follow ate with all sorts of people. The sinners and the tax collectors were people that he came to find. Jesus went to Matthew’s house – Matthew the tax collector – to have dinner with him. Jesus went out of his way to spend time to eat with a group of people whom many in society rejected.

In the same way, Jesus left heaven and came down, not only to dine with us, but also to die for us. He has done everything to find us.

Prayer: Loving God, thank you for coming to find us with your love. Please come to find my friends.

Action: Instead of just expecting people to come to church, could we imitate Jesus and leave our comfort zones to be with them?

Your notes:

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