

KNAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

“Let us pray”

A Prayer Diary for May 2022

A photograph of a person's hands cupping a large, glowing orange and yellow sphere, resembling the Earth or a celestial body, against a dark background filled with small white stars.

*"Pray then
in this way:
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is
in heaven."*

Matthew
6:9a & 10
NRSV

Day/Date	Theme/ Event	Pray for ...	✓	Notes Thoughts Action
1 st Sunday	Priorities	<p>"Your Kingdom ... " "But seek first His Kingdom ... "</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 6:33ai NIV</p> <p>Pray that your ambition is to put God & His kingly rule at the top of all your desires: do His work 1st.</p>		
2 nd Monday	'Treasure'	<p>"Your Kingdom ... " "The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field ..."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 13:44a NIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... your 'joy' to be found in 'God's work' in the everyday. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" <p style="text-align: right;">Colossians3:23NIV</p>		
3 rd Tuesday	'Sacrifice'	<p>"Your Kingdom ... " "the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls ..."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 13:45 NIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... your greater understanding of the Kingdom's true value, & cost; what will you give up to gain it? 		
4 th Wednesday	'Growth'	<p>"Your Kingdom ... " "The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed ..."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 13:31b NIV</p> <p>What has God 'planted' in you? Pray for discernment to share your inspiration. 'Great things can sometimes be achieved by just a tiny cell of believers ...'</p>		
5 th Thursday	'Permeation'	<p>"Your Kingdom ... " "The Kingdom of heaven is like yeast... mixed in... worked through..."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 13:33 NIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... the Holy Spirit to spread through your life; pervade the whole church; & work out into the world. 		
6 th Friday	'Fertile soil?'	<p>"Your Kingdom ... " "The Kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 13:24b NIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... your reception of God's word: that it may take root & grow; that it will produce a good yield. ... your understanding in heart, & action in life. 		
7 th Saturday	'All in?'	<p>"Your Kingdom ... " "The Kingdom of heaven is like a net ... let down ... & caught all kinds..."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 13:47 NIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... an inclusive church: open & welcome to all – mixed & varied people; all judgement to be God's. 		
8 th Sunday	Communion with God	<p>"Your Kingdom ... " ↪ "Come on in & taste the new wine ... the wine of the Kingdom of God."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Refrain L1&3 One shall tell another by G. Kendrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... a deep sense of the presence of Jesus in the act & elements of Holy Communion; a real fellowship with other members of the Body of Christ. 		
9 th Monday	Delay ...	<p>"Your Kingdom ... " ↪ "but we make your Kingdom wait, with love that tends to hesitate;"</p> <p style="text-align: right;">V2 L4&5 StF515</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... forgiveness for the occasions that you have heard God's voice & failed to act upon it in good time. 		
10 th Tuesday	Warning: harvest?	<p>"Your Kingdom ... " "the kingdom of God will be taken away from you & given to a people who will produce its fruit."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 21:43 NIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... honest reflection on KMC's current fruitfulness: revelation & courage to 'grow on with God'. 		

11 th Wednesday	Onward!	<p>"Your Kingdom ..." "Jesus replied, 'No-one who puts his hand to the plough & looks back is fit for service in the Kingdom of God.'" Luke 9:62 NIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... cessation of nostalgia & 'looking backwards': active & obedient seeking of God's 'plans for us' <u>now</u>. 	
12 th Thursday	KMC: Unity	<p>"Your Kingdom ..." "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined ..." Matthew 12:25b NIV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... greater forgiveness & unity among the KMC family: "<i>being one in spirit and purpose.</i>" Philippians 2:2c NIV 	
13 th Friday	KMC: in Service	<p>"Your Kingdom ..." ♫ "Let us be servants to one another, making your Kingdom come." V5 L3&4 StF 706</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... each to serve as called & enabled: the building up of a committed '<i>Community of Christ.</i>' V1 L1 StF 681 	
14 th Saturday	'Witness!'	<p>Your Kingdom ... ♫ "Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost" V2 L1&2 StF 407</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... KMC to go out in faith, & actively be taking the Good News to all those God needs to receive it. 	
15 th Sunday	Christian Aid Week 1	<p>"Your Kingdom ..." ♫ "Our psalm of praise will be compassion, This Kingdom Song." V3 L3&4 <i>The Song of Kingdom Come</i> by M. Nicholls & P. Field (for Christian Aid)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... hearts to be filled with compassion for those in need, & minds prompted to give generously. 	
16 th Monday	Christian Aid Week 2	<p>"Your Kingdom ..." ♫ "The kingdom of God is justice & joy" V1 L1&2 StF 255</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... the creation of an international loss & damage fund by those who contribute most to climate crises to help those hardest hit to recover, rebuild & have support for now unfarmable land. 	
17 th Tuesday	Christian Aid Week 3	<p>"Your Kingdom ..." ♫ "The kingdom of God is mercy & grace" V2 L1&2 StF 255</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... protection for the most vulnerable people whilst vaccine for Covid-19 is still out of reach for them; for the promotion & prioritising of global vaccine equity. 'No one is safe until everyone is safe.' 	
18 th Wednesday	Christian Aid Week 4	<p>"Your Kingdom ..." ♫ "The kingdom of God is challenge & choice" V3 L1&2 StF 255</p> <p>How is God calling you to respond to this Christian Aid Week? By delivering envelopes? By donating?</p>	
19 th Thursday	Christian Aid Week 5	<p>"Your Kingdom ..." ♫ "God's Kingdom is come, the gift & the goal" V4 L1&2 StF 255</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... response to the UN appeal for Afghanistan: money for food; delivery of life-saving medical aid; support for women & girls in work & education. 	
20 th Friday	Christian Aid Week 6	<p>"Your Kingdom ..." ♫ "here & hereafter the Kingdom shall grow." V1 L7&8 StF 255</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Zimbabwe: provision & use of water, seeds & fertilizer & training skills in conservation agriculture, turning dry & dusty land to a 'garden of hope'; inclusive markets to reduce poverty. 	

21 st Saturday	Christian Aid Week 7	<p>"Your Kingdom ..." ↪ "the heirs of the Kingdom shall answer His call"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Christians to support Christian Aid's work, which lives out this verse: "<i>let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth & action.</i>" <small>1 John 3:18 NRSV</small> 	V4 L5&6 StF 255	
22 nd Sunday	Praise!	<p>"Your will ..." "Praise the Lord, all His heavenly hosts, you his servants who do His will." <small>Psalm 103:21 NIV</small></p> <p>As you meet God in worship today, let go of what you <u>want</u>, & re-align your life with God's <u>will</u>.</p>		
23 rd Monday	'Purpose' 1 Willingness	<p>"Your will ..." "Here I am, (Lord), I have come to do your will." <small>Hebrews 10:9a NIV & (L1&2 StF 552)</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... a daily opening of your heart to ask afresh – 'What is your will for me today, Lord.' Then to do it ... 		
24 th Tuesday	KMC: 'Saying yes'	<p>"Your will ..." ↪ "Let all my movements express a heart that loves to say 'yes', a will that leaps to obey you." <small>V2 L1-3 StF 477 "Teach me - to do your will" Psalm143:10aNIV</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... the Holy Spirit to provoke, & '<i>move us into action</i>' <small>(R L5 StF699)</small>; our 'willing spirits' to learn-on-the-job when we make 'leaps-of-faith' to do God's will for us. 		
25 th Wednesday	KMC: Grow up!	<p>"Your will ..." "stand mature & fully assured in the faith, engaged in doing the will of God." <small>Colossians 4:12c WB-SAP</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... deepening growth in each person's faith: a renewal of spiritual discernment & knowledge: a revival of action; a mission to put belief into practice. 		
26 th Thursday	Circuit Partners: Weybridge	<p>"Your will ..." "May ... God ... equip you with everything good for doing His will ..." <small>Hebrews 13:20a&21a NIV</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... community outreach through the 'Old Folks Club' & foodbanks; a sense of 'God's house' for those who use the premises. Give thanks for those assisting in Sunday services; for encouragement & growth. 		
27 th Friday	Our Minister	<p>Use the words of Colossians 1:9b NIV to pray for Dave:</p> <p>"Your will ..." "We have not stopped praying for you & asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom & understanding."</p>		
28 th Saturday	KMC Coffee morning/ Plant Sale	<p>"earth ... heaven ..." "May God give you of heaven's dew & of earth's richness ..." <small>Genesis 27:28a&b NIV</small></p> <p>Reflect on this – both literally, & spiritually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... blessings in fellowship at this event today. 		
29 th Sunday	Ukraine	<p>"earth ... heaven ..." "From heaven the Lord looks down...He watches all who live on earth" <small>Psalm33:13a&14bNIV</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... peace, & justice; protection of lives; mercy & humanitarian aid; safe havens; wisdom & courage. 		
30 th Monday	'Purpose' 2 Action!	<p>"earth ... heaven ..." Reflect on this question: "What on earth are you doing, for heaven's sake?"</p>		
31 st Tuesday	... & finally ...	<p>"earth ... heaven ..." "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven, & on earth..." <small>Philippians 2:10 NIV</small> ... that 1 person who God has especially placed on your heart to come to faith in Jesus Christ.</p>		