

1. *Today's reading* (Psalm 84:1-7). Thy Kingdom Come

Today is the Thursday before Pentecost and we are well into the 10 days of prayer around the theme of 'Thy Kingdom Come'. Today I want to share with you the prayers for today from the website for thy Kingdom Come.

**LOOK... and be curious.**

**WAIT... with prayerful expectation.**

Come Holy Spirit: Thy Kingdom Come.

**READ... the text with an open mind.**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. (Psalm 84:1-7)

**LISTEN...** for a word with a willing heart.

**RESPOND...** with prayer and action. Oh God of longing hearts, you make a place of stone into a place of life, you make dry ground into pools of water. Show us what it means to live in your presence, to find strength in you, to create Zion's highways in our hearts every day, year and season of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

You can find lots more information and resources on the website for Thy Kingdom Come (<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/about-us>). At the heart of this movement lies the cry for people to come to a living faith in Christ. So, I invite you, today, to think of up to five people from amongst your family and friends, who you would dearly love to come to a living faith in God and simply to hold them before God in your prayers. Who knows what might happen?

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