

Thy Kingdom Come 2017

Praying Together at Pentecost for Mission and Evangelism

25th May-4th June 2017



In May 2016 many of the churches in England took up the invitation of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to set aside the days leading up to Pentecost Sunday to pray for the renewing and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit to 'make Christ real in our midst, for the flourishing of all'.

In Sept 2016, the six Presidents of Churches Together in England said, 'we are delighted to join together to extend this invitation to all the churches in England to participate in this movement of prayer in 2017'.

Joint statement



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In a joint statement, the Presidents went on to say, 'We want to encourage our brothers and sisters in churches of all traditions to partner in praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' in the days leading up to Pentecost, from 25

May - 4 June, 2017. There is no prescription about how we should pray; we hope each church will participate in a way that is authentic to them and where possible to engage in this with their partner churches in their area.'

The aim of 'Thy Kingdom Come 2017' is simple and threefold:

- **To join with the whole family of God the Father**
- **To pray for the empowering of God the Holy Spirit**
- **That we may be effective witnesses to God the Son Jesus Christ**

The statement concludes: 'As Presidents, we will be writing to our churches and congregations to encourage them to share this aim and to take part in this movement.'

We pray to the Father that his family, called to be one in Jesus Christ, may see the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to transform many lives and communities in our land'.

'Thy Kingdom Come' will be focussed in the week 25th May to 4th June 2017 when thousands of churches and Churches Together groups will be praying for mission and, evangelism.

Resources for prayer and evangelism are being posted on the dedicated websites:

UK: www.thykingdom.co.uk

Global website:

www.thykingdomcome.global

There is a CTE Presidents Video accompanying this statement, which can be downloaded from

<https://vimeo.com/183026876>.