

Thy Kingdom Come 2023



Prayers for Peace
from Christian CND

Thursday 18 May - Sunday 28 May 2022

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Join the global wave of prayer

This year, between Ascension Day and Pentecost, communities and churches around the world will once again gather together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ. Prayer events of all shapes and sizes will take place across the 10 days. You can read more about this initiative at www.thykingdomcome.global.

Christian CND has previously hosted long times of prayer during Thy Kingdom Come, but we are taking a break this year. Instead we will have a Prayer Meeting on Zoom live from Big Church Festival on Friday 26 May. We also hope you will find the prayers and prompts in this booklet useful during the time. As always our prayers focus on seeking the Kingdom of Christ, one of peace and justice, to come. We will be focussing on issues around nuclear weapons, including the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, the threat of nuclear proliferations and the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. We do not believe nuclear weapons have any place in the Kingdom of God.

Pentecost was when the Holy Spirit came upon the early Christian believers gathered in Jerusalem (Acts 2). Later, St Paul also became a Christian and was added to their number. Paul wrote to the churches in Galatia about the fruits of that Holy Spirit who had been so marvellously poured out upon the believers at Pentecost (Galatians 5). Our daily bible verses in this booklet are all taken from the book of 1 Corinthians.

May the Holy Spirit bless you and fill you with hope as we offer these prayers together. You can find more information about our regular Prayer Diary and online prayer meetings on our website - christiancnd.org.uk/prayer/

We hope you'll find some inspiration for your prayers below.

We're suggesting that people pray at noon, so that we will know we are joining with others, but feel free to pray when you find time during the day.





Thursday 18 May

God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord (1:9)

At the start of Thy Kingdom Come we give thanks for the states which have signed the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in the past year. We also thank God for all of the 92 signatories and 68 states formally joining the Treaty

Friday 19 May

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength (1:25)

Today we focus our prayers on the conflict in Ukraine. We pray not only for those living in the shadow of war, but for those who have had to flee and find themselves far from home. We also pray for those on all sides who are fighting and worried about or grieving loved ones.

Saturday 20 May

What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us (2:12)

With CND and others demonstrating at RAF Lakenheath against the return of American nuclear weapons to the UK we pray that the weapons won't return. We pray that rather than seeking to export nuclear weapons the Americans would seek dialouge and meaningful progress towards peace and eventual disarmament.

Sunday 21 May

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? (3:16)

Join us in praying for our friends in the Bargn Nuri Community in South Korea. Pray that they would be strengthened in their witness and work for peace. Pray that they would know God as they live in the shadow of the North Korean regime which continues to test missiles.

Monday 22 May

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it (12:27)

Give thanks for Christian CND being able to attend the G7 Youth Summit in Japan last month. Pray that the campaigners who attended will be energised and the leaders of the G7 states would understand the reality of nuclear weapons having visited Hiroshima.

Tuesday 23 May

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud (13:4)

Pray for the Christian CND staff team and Executive Committee. Give thanks for Claire Poyner who is due to retire shortly, along with Russell Whiting and Liddy Buswell. Pray for wisdom for the Executive as they take important decisions regarding the future of the organisation.





Wednesday 24 May

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love (13:13)

Pray for the peace movement in the UK and around the world. After decades of campaigning for peace and disarmament, pray that organisations like CND and other members of the Network of Christian Peace Organisations would be sustained and refreshed.

Thursday 25 May

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (12:27)

Pray for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Pray that there would be dialogue between the states involved and that the deadlock, which has blocking progress for some time would be broken. Pray for the upcoming Preparatory Committee meeting to find some consensus for a way forward

Friday 26 May

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away (13:8)

On the eve of Big Church Festival pray for the Christian CND team attending. Pray that they would have fruitful conversations and that the weekend would be a chance not only to have fun but also to think about issues around peace and disarmament, maybe for the first time.

Saturday 27 May

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (15:20)

Pray for all those survivors of nuclear weapons over the past decades, Remember those who continue to live with the devastating physical and mental consequences of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but also those who lived on pacific islands where the UK and US detonated many nuclear weapons during the 1950s.

Sunday 28 May

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. (13:4)

As Thy Kingdom Come draws to an end, join us in praying for the coming year. Pray that there would be an end to war with a meaningful and just peace in Ukraine; pray that more states would join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and pray that Christian CND would continue to grow and develop as an effective, Christ-centred organisation.



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