



THY KINGDOM COME

Basingstoke's Ecumenical Novena of Prayer

Friday 26th May – Saturday 3rd June 2017

Joining together in 9 days of prayer, ecumenically & globally

Novenas originate from the nine days between the Ascension of our Lord and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday.

Mary, the apostles, the brothers of Jesus, and many other disciples spent these nine days in prayer, awaiting the promised Spirit of fire and light (Acts 1:12-14).

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting Christians of all denominations to join in a great wave of prayer globally between Ascension and Pentecost, praying *Come Holy Spirit: Thy Kingdom Come*.

Across Basingstoke, churches and communities of all denominations are joining together in this 9 days of prayer in the *Thy Kingdom Come Basingstoke Ecumenical Novena*:

- ❖ **Praying that God's love, made known to us in Jesus, may be known everywhere.**
- ❖ **Praying that we may be effective witnesses to Jesus, and others may come to know his love.**
- ❖ **Praying in expectation and with hope for the coming of the Holy Spirit and *Thy Kingdom Come*.**
- ❖ **Praying for those lost, suffering, homeless, hungry, abused, hurt in our families, friends, communities, world**

Please join in this great ecumenical and global wave of prayer

'We can say that God's heart is touched by our intercession, yet in reality he is always there first. What our intercession achieves is that his power, his love and his faithfulness are shown ever more clearly in the midst of the people.' Pope Francis

These 9 *Basingstoke Novena Prayer Cards* are being used on each of the 9 days by churches and individuals across Basingstoke. Compiled by contributors from Basingstoke's rich diversity of denominations, coming together as one church in prayer, each card offer us and our global partners the chance to join in daily novena prayer together, in our churches, home, school, work, hospital, community, outside, anywhere. Please feel free to make copies to give to your church/community groups, and friends across the world. E-versions available on the Basingstoke Novena page of www.thykingdomcomeprayer.co.uk

'Prayer – the act of meeting with God in conversation, silence, longing - is not just another thing we do. It's the breath that sustains us, the place where change begins. As the apostles waited and prayed together following Jesus' ascension, so we pray. May our waiting and our praying make us more open to receiving the Holy Spirit, and more capable of showing the grace of God in all that we are and do.' Archbishop Justin Welby

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The Catholic church for Novena litanies and psalm prayers.
The Anglican church for *Thy Kingdom Come* prayers.

For more TKC Novena ideas and prayer resources, and to sign up to be part of Basingstoke's 24/9 Continuous Prayer see: www.thykingdomcomeprayer.co.uk



Praying together: *COME HOLY SPIRIT: THY KINGDOM COME*
Basingstoke's Ecumenical Prayer Novena
Prayer Card 1 - Friday 26th May

In the name of God: Source of all being, Eternal Word, Life-giving Spirit **Amen**

Holy Spirit, awaken the whole human race and help us to build bridges of trust that open our hearts to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Come Holy Spirit: Thy Kingdom Come.

Psalm: Psalm 27:1-6

Psalm Prayer: Heavenly King, Consoler, Spirit of truth, present in all places and filling all things, treasury of blessing and giver of life: Come and dwell in us, cleanse us from every sin, and save our souls, O gracious Lord. **Amen**

Scripture: We do not yet see everything in subjection to human beings, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. *Hebrews 2.8b-10*

Silence, Reflection, Testimony, or Song

We ask God to be present as we join in prayer with Christians around the world, praying that God's love, made known to us in Jesus, may be known everywhere.

We pray for people and places around the world..... praying particularly today for victims of terrorist attacks and their families. And we pray for the people and countries of South America.

We pray for Basingstoke's community..... praying particularly today for safety and support for our Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers. For the rehabilitation of offenders through different agencies involved in the criminal justice system, that they may be able to turn their lives around.

We pray for people lost, hungry, homeless, hurting

Who Cares? We pray for our care, commitment and witness.

Father God, today we bring to you those friends and family that we would love to come to know you, and become Christians. We pray that you would reveal yourself to them. Give us courage, we pray, to talk to them about you. Father, help us to speak up and speak out in the name of Jesus, showing your love in our words, our attitudes and our actions.

We pray for family, friends, ourselves.....

that those for whom we pray may know and be blessed in the love of Christ; that we as his disciples will be given new confidence and encouragement by the Holy Spirit; that we may be made effective witnesses to Jesus.

Litany of The Holy Spirit:

For a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the welfare of God's holy Church, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For new life, joy and peace among us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the unity and reconciliation of families and nations, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For our needs, temporal and spiritual, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the virtues of faith, hope, and love, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer....

Closing Thy Kingdom Come Novena prayer:

Almighty God,
your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Praying together: *COME HOLY SPIRIT: THY KINGDOM COME*

Basingstoke's Ecumenical Prayer Novena

Prayer Card 2 - Saturday 27th May

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Lord hear our prayer, **And let our cry come unto you. Amen**

Come Holy Spirit, rekindle your fire and renew your Church.

Psalm: Psalm 61: 1-2, 5-8

Psalm Prayer: Loving Father, we pour out our hearts before you,
knowing that you are always on our side, comforting, consoling, strengthening.
Be our refuge in time of trouble for you are our rock
our stronghold and our fortress, Be with us in Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Amen**

Scripture: I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8.38,39

Silence, Reflection, Testimony, or Song

We ask God to be present as we join in prayer with Christians around the world, praying that God's love, made known to us in Jesus, may be known everywhere

We pray for people and places around the world..... praying particularly today for the plight of refugees across the world, and for agencies, politicians and communities working to shelter, support and restore lives.
And we pray for the people and countries of Europe.

We pray for Basingstoke's community..... praying particularly today for the health and safety of people homeless in Basingstoke, for those vulnerably housed, for the unemployed and all who are marginalized in our community.

We pray for people lost, hungry, homeless, hurting

Who Cares? We pray for our care, commitment and witness.

Father God, we bring to you those we know who are hurting today. We give

into your hands those who are in pain physically, emotionally, or spiritually. We pray that you would bind up the broken-hearted, free those captive to pain, bring healing to bodies, minds, hearts and spirits. Lord, You are gracious and compassionate- pour out your grace and compassion into their lives. And Father, show us how we may help and be part of the answer to our own prayer.

We pray for family, friends, ourselves.....

that those for whom we pray may know and be blessed in the love of Christ; that we as his disciples will be given new confidence and encouragement by the Holy Spirit; that we may be made effective witnesses to Jesus.

Litany of the Beatitudes:

Bless the poor and humble in spirit;

May they inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.

Bless those who mourn for lost blessings;

Be their comfort in time of trouble.

Bless those who are meek and humble of heart;

Let them inherit what God has promised

Bless those who hunger and thirst for what God requires

And fill them with divine wholeness.

Bless those who are merciful toward others;

may God be merciful to them in turn.

Bless those who are pure in heart;

Let them see God in the light of Glory.

Bless those who make peace on earth;

And call them the children of God.

Bless those who are persecuted for being holy;

Give them possession of the Kingdom of God.

Bless those who are slandered and insulted for your sake;

Make them happy and glad for their reward is great in their heavenly home.

The Lord's Prayer....

Closing Thy Kingdom Come Novena prayer:

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Praying together: *COME HOLY SPIRIT: THY KINGDOM COME*
Basingstoke's Ecumenical Prayer Novena
Prayer Card 3 - Sunday 28th May

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Now and always and for ever and ever. Amen

Come Holy Spirit, let faith and hope arise in the hearts of people and let your glory be manifested in your Church.
Come Holy Spirit: Thy Kingdom Come.

Psalm: Psalm 116: 10-15

Psalm Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, we worship you living among us in the sacrament of your body and blood. May we offer to your Father in heaven the broken bread of undivided love. May we offer to our brothers and sisters a life poured out in loving service of that kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

Scripture: On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive. *John 7.37-39a*

Silence, Reflection, Testimony, or Song

We ask God to be present as we join in prayer with Christians around the world, praying that God's love, made known to us in Jesus, may be known everywhere

We pray for people and places around the world..... praying particularly today for people in East Africa and other regions of the world suffering famine, and for aid agencies and all those fighting to reach and support those suffering. And praying for the countries and people of Africa.

We pray for Basingstoke's community.....praying today for older people. People alone, house-bound, frightened or diminished by others. For people living with dementia. The frail or sick. Family carers, care workers, care homes, & chaplains.

We pray for people lost, hungry, homeless, hurting
Who Cares? We pray for our care, commitment and witness.

Father, today we pray especially for those whose hurt is that of isolation and loneliness. Lord, you created us for community, for relationship. We pray for those who feel lonely, uncared for, forgotten. We pray that you would help us, individually and as a church, to reach out with your love, friendship, and invitation. We pray that in you, and in your family the church, they would find the community, friendship, acceptance and love they need.

We pray for family, friends, ourselves.....

that those for whom we pray may know and be blessed in the love of Christ; that we as his disciples will be given new confidence and encouragement by the Holy Spirit; that we may be made effective witnesses to Jesus.

Litany for the sick:

Lord Jesus, compassionate Son of the Living God:

Hear us and help us, we humbly pray

You cured lepers of their affliction and people came to you from everywhere:

Hear us and help us, we humbly pray

You laid your hand on the blind man of Bethsaida and restored his sight:

Hear us and help us, we humbly pray

You cured a man with a withered arm on the Sabbath Day

Hear us and help us, we humbly pray

You raised to life your dear friend Lazarus, brother of Martha and Mary

Hear us and help us, we humbly pray

The Lord's Prayer....

Closing Thy Kingdom Come Novena prayer:

Almighty God,
your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Praying together: *COME HOLY SPIRIT: THY KINGDOM COME*
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Prayer Card 4 - Monday 29th May

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessed be God for ever, Amen

Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth –
transform society by the power of your Spirit.
Come Holy Spirit: Thy Kingdom Come.

Psalm: 116:16-19

Psalm Prayer: Gracious God, you are goodness itself
and you care for us unceasingly. As we call upon your holy name,
please accept our sacrifice of thanksgiving
in and through Christ Jesus, our blest and only Saviour. **Amen**

Scripture: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting
God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his
understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the
powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall
exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall
mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk
and not faint. Isaiah 40.28-end

Silence, Reflection, Testimony, or Song

We ask God to be present as we join in prayer with Christians around the world,
praying that God's love, made known to us in Jesus, may be known everywhere

We pray for people and places around the world..... praying particularly
today for children around the world, those living in poverty, abuse, fear, danger,
lacking education. And we pray for the people and countries of Asia.

We pray for Basingstoke's community..... praying particularly today for
Basingstoke area schools and colleges, for staff, parents, pupils and students

struggling amidst increasing financial constraints. We pray that high quality
teachers and leaders with a passion to improve education are attracted where
there are vacancies. That Head Teachers and Governing Bodies act with wisdom
when setting budgets and aim to meet the needs of all children. That daily acts
of Collective Worship are valued and life-giving in all UK state schools.

We pray for people lost, hungry, homeless, hurting
Who Cares? We pray for our care, commitment and witness.

Father, today we recognise that it is not just those outside the church who
experience hurt. We pray for those within churches who are struggling, for
those we know who are hurting. Father, we bring them to you, and pray that
you would minister to them. We pray that they would find their strength and
hope in you, and from the fellowship of other believers. Father, open our eyes
to see the hurt in others, and help us to minister to that hurt. Amen.

We pray for family, friends, ourselves.....

that those for whom we pray may know and be blessed in the love of Christ;
that we as his disciples will be given new confidence and encouragement by the
Holy Spirit; that we may be made effective witnesses to Jesus.

Litany of God's Kingdom:

God of our salvation, hope of all the ends of the earth, we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That the world may know Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace, we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That we may be bold to speak the word of God while you stretch out your hand
to save, we pray: **Thy kingdom come.**

That the Church may be generous in giving, faithful in serving, bold in
proclaiming, we pray: **Thy kingdom come.**

That the day may come when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, we pray: **Thy kingdom come.**

The Lord's Prayer....

Closing Thy Kingdom Come Novena prayer:

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Praying together: *COME HOLY SPIRIT: THY KINGDOM COME*
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Prayer Card 5 - Tuesday 30th May

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Now and always and for ever and ever. Amen

Come Holy Spirit; help us live together in unity, humility and love.
Come Holy Spirit: Thy Kingdom Come.

Psalm: Psalm 23

Psalm Prayer: Good Shepherd of the flock, you tend and feed and protect your chosen people and only ask us to put our trust in your loving care. As host you entertain us at your welcome table and anoint us with your Holy Spirit. Make us ever thankful for all your blessings, O Saviour of the world. **Amen**

Scripture: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. I Corinthians 12.4-7

Silence, Reflection, Testimony, or Song

We ask God to be present as we join in prayer with Christians around the world, praying that God's love, made known to us in Jesus, may be known everywhere

We pray for people and places around the world..... praying particularly today for people in regions of the world where disease is rife and medical aid is sparse. And we pray for the people and countries of North America.

We pray for Basingstoke's community..... praying particularly today for high quality services to be provided to all those who need it, especially those caught up in dysfunctional families, mental health challenges, loneliness, abuse, sickness, addictions, crime. We pray for Basingstoke's hospital and hospice staff, patients and volunteers, and for funding and wisdom to enable health leaders to meet ever more complex needs.

We pray for people lost, hungry, homeless, hurting
Who Cares? We pray for our care, commitment and witness.

Almighty God, we thank you that you have a heart of love and compassion for each one of us. Lord Jesus, You know what it is to hurt. You have felt the pain of betrayal. You know what it is to be abandoned, to be lonely. As we ask the question *What hurts the most?* during the upcoming Who Cares? campaign, we thank you that you understand, that you feel our pain alongside us, but that you have the power, and the compassion, to help us. Amen.

We pray for family, friends, ourselves.....

that those for whom we pray may know and be blessed in the love of Christ; that we as his disciples will be given new confidence and encouragement by the Holy Spirit; that we may be made effective witnesses to Jesus.

Litany of the Good Shepherd:

Good Shepherd, who was willing to die for the sheep;
Hear us and help us, we humbly pray.
Good Shepherd, who knows the name of each one of his sheep:
Hear us and help us, we humbly pray.
Good Shepherd, who goes after each sheep that strays:
Hear us and help us, we humbly pray.
Good Shepherd, who rescues his sheep from the wolves:
Hear us and help us, we humbly pray.
Good Shepherd, who guards and guides his wandering sheep:
Hear us and help us, we humbly pray.
Good Shepherd, who pastures his sheep through all eternity:
Hear us and help us, we humbly pray.

The Lord's Prayer....

Closing Thy Kingdom Come Novena prayer:

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Praying together: *COME HOLY SPIRIT: THY KINGDOM COME*
Basingstoke's Ecumenical Prayer Novena
Prayer Card 6 - Wednesday 31st May

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Now and always and for ever and ever. Amen

Come Holy Spirit, in your power and might to renew the face of the earth.
Come Holy Spirit: Thy Kingdom Come.

Psalm: Psalm 150

Psalm Prayer: Lord God Almighty,
you created both angels and humans to worship and serve you.
May your holy angels protect us and defend us against every evil.

Scripture: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. Joel 2.28,29

Silence, Reflection, Testimony, or Song

We ask God to be present as we join in prayer with Christians around the world, praying that God's love, made known to us in Jesus, may be known everywhere

We pray for people and places around the world..... praying particularly today for the unemployed, those in unfulfilling, insecure or dangerous jobs, those depressed, stressed, suffering mental health problems.
And we pray for the people of Australia and New Zealand.

We pray for Basingstoke's community..... praying particularly today for God's blessing on employers and employees in Basingstoke's shops, businesses and agencies, including Basingstoke's voluntary organisations and volunteers. May those who own and run businesses be people of integrity and compassion, seeking what is right for their employees, their customers, the local community and the environment.

We pray for people lost, hungry, homeless, hurting

Who Cares? We pray for our care, commitment and witness.

Father God, we thank you for the upcoming Who Cares? Campaign. Father, you have brought so many churches together, we praise you for we know where there is unity you bring blessing. We pray that you would mightily bless this campaign, and through it all the churches in this area.

We pray for family, friends, ourselves.....

that those for whom we pray may know and be blessed in the love of Christ; that we as his disciples will be given new confidence and encouragement by the Holy Spirit; that we may be made effective witnesses to Jesus.

Litany:

For a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the welfare of God's holy Church, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For new life, joy and peace among us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the unity and reconciliation of families and nations, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For our needs, temporal and spiritual, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the virtues of faith, hope, and love, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer....

Closing Thy Kingdom Come Novena prayer:

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your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Praying together: *COME HOLY SPIRIT: THY KINGDOM COME*

Basingstoke's Ecumenical Prayer Novena

Prayer Card 7 - Thursday 1st June

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
A pure heart create for me, O God, **Put a steadfast Spirit within me. Amen**

Come, Holy Spirit, let your victory be proclaimed
and your glory be revealed upon the face of the earth.

Come Holy Spirit: Thy Kingdom Come.

Psalm: Psalm 95: 1-7

Psalm Prayer: Almighty Father, only begotten Son, and Holy Spirit,
our first beginning and our last end:
We praise, adore, and magnify you
in the eternal mystery of your Being. **Amen**

Scripture: Jesus said, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him'
Luke 11.9-13

Silence, Reflection, Testimony, or Song

We ask God to be present as we join in prayer with Christians around the world, praying that God's love, made known to us in Jesus, may be known everywhere

We pray for people and places around the world..... praying particularly today for people and places known to us. And we pray for the people and countries of the Middle East.

We pray for Basingstoke's community..... praying particularly today for our local councilors and members of parliament, to work well together, express

their views honestly, disagree respectfully, accept democratic outcomes and work for the common good.

We pray for people lost, hungry, homeless, hurting

Who Cares? We pray for our care, commitment and witness.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,^[a] from whom every family^[b] in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Eph 3:14-21

We pray for family, friends, ourselves.....

Litany of God's Kingdom:

God of our salvation, hope of all the ends of the earth, we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That the world may know Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace, we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That we may be bold to speak the word of God while you stretch out your hand to save, we pray: **Thy kingdom come.**

That the Church may be generous in giving, faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming, we pray: **Thy kingdom come.**

That the day may come when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, we pray: **Thy kingdom come.**

The Lord's Prayer....

Closing Thy Kingdom Come Novena prayer:

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Praying together: *COME HOLY SPIRIT: THY KINGDOM COME*
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Prayer Card 8 - Friday 2nd June

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Now and always and for ever and ever. Amen

Come, Holy Spirit, empower us to fulfill your call to be
witnesses to the ends of the earth and to be bearers of the Good News.
Come Holy Spirit: Thy Kingdom Come.

Psalm: Psalm 124

Psalm Prayer: Heavenly Father,
We turn to you for protection,
Listen to our prayers and help us in our needs. **Amen**

Scripture: In Christ every one of God's promises is a 'Yes'. For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen', to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first installment. 2 Corinthians 1.20-22

Silence, Reflection, Testimony, or Song

We ask God to be present as we join in prayer with Christians around the world, praying that God's love, made known to us in Jesus, may be known everywhere

We pray for people and places around the world..... praying particularly today for people around the world who have lost their homes through flood, earthquake, hurricane, fire and other natural disasters, or through war, oppression, poverty. We also pray for the countries and people of S-East Asia.

We pray for Basingstoke's community..... praying particularly today for new estates being built across Basingstoke: for wisdom in planning decisions for the benefit of new and existing communities; for Basingstoke to be a welcoming place for people needing refuge; for churches to work together as new churches are planted and communities formed.

We pray for people lost, hungry, homeless, hurting

Who Cares? We pray for our care, commitment and witness.

Almighty God, as we reach out to our communities with the question *What hurts the most?* we pray that you would give the churches the skills and resources to meet the needs of the communities we serve. We acknowledge, Lord, that you are the ultimate answer, but we pray that you would encourage and strengthen existing ministries and service that seeks to address the issues raised by Who Cares? survey, and that you would inspire new ones

We pray for family, friends, ourselves.....

that those for whom we pray may know and be blessed in the love of Christ; that we as his disciples will be given new confidence and encouragement by the Holy Spirit; that we may be made effective witnesses to Jesus.

Litany of God's Kingdom:

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Praying together: *COME HOLY SPIRIT: THY KINGDOM COME*
Basingstoke's Ecumenical Prayer Novena
Prayer Card 9 - Saturday 3rd June

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Now and always and for ever and ever. Amen

Come Holy Spirit, unite your church:
'Father, make them one that the world may believe.'
Come Holy Spirit: Thy Kingdom Come.

Psalm: Psalm 27:1-6

Psalm Prayer: Heavenly King, Consoler, Spirit of truth,
present in all places and filling all things,
treasury of blessing and giver of life:
Come and dwell in us, cleanse us from every sin,
and save our souls, O gracious Lord. Amen

Scripture: The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3.17,18

Silence, Reflection, Testimony, or Song

We ask God to be present as we join in prayer with Christians around the world, praying that God's love, made known to us in Jesus, may be known everywhere

We pray for people and places around the world..... praying particularly today for the 'Spirit of Pentecost' to renew the Church throughout the world – especially in our continent, nation, diocese, parish, and in your own life. We pray for the people of the England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

We pray for Basingstoke's community..... praying particularly today for Basingstoke area's Churches and Christians, to know and do what God is calling them to with willingness and passion through God's grace. That the reputation

of the church in Basingstoke would continue to grow and be a positive Christian influence offered in the community.

We pray for people lost, hungry, homeless, hurting
Who Cares? We pray for our care, commitment and witness.

Almighty God, we pray today for your wisdom. As churches go out, and listen to the needs of their community through the Who Cares? campaign, we pray that you would show them how best to respond to the needs they discover. As church leaders begin to plan their response, inspire and guide them we pray.

We pray for family, friends, ourselves.....

Be present, be present, Holy Spirit of comfort and consolation,
and inspire and guide us into all truth, as Jesus promised.
Be present to us in wind and fire
as you were to your friends at Pentecost
and give fresh life to our gospel witness, now and forever. **Amen**

Litany of the Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.
All who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.
Renew the face of your creation, Lord,
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,
and kindle in us the fire of your love.
For the creation waits with eager longing
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

The Lord's Prayer....

Closing Thy Kingdom Come Novena prayer:

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**