

## PRAYER POINTS

Thank you for sharing in this year's Thy Kingdom Come 24/7 prayer time from Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> to Pentecost Sunday. Although we cannot gather as we have done in previous years to pray for the coming of God's Kingdom, his rule and authority, in our lives, the lives of those we know and in the life of Tewkesbury, we can share in this 24/7 prayer occasion by signing up online to commit to pray for 1 hour or more during the week.

Some people find it helpful to have some pointers to help focus their prayers, so firstly there are listed below a number of issues we can include in our prayers and secondly there are topics for prayer relating to the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit with appropriate Bible verses, but please feel free to pray as the Spirit leads you.

For a moving of the Holy Spirit across our country

Wisdom for our leaders at this time of uncertainty

For a renewing of the church

A deepening of our walk with God day by day

That God would use this pandemic to draw people to himself

In these uncertain times people will find their hope and security in Jesus

The life and ministry of all the churches in Tewkesbury Churches Together

For protection for all key workers and frontline staff

Guidance for our schools as thoughts turn to reopening

Wisdom and strength for church leaders as to how they carry out their ministries at this time

Our witness to our family, friends and neighbours

For God's comfort for all who have suffered bereavement

For peace of heart and mind which Jesus alone can bring to those we are concerned and anxious

For all who have or are struggling as a result of Covid-19

For a moving of the Holy Spirit across our town and county

For Christians around the world and particularly the persecuted church

For all seeking to produce a vaccine against Covid-19

**Praying for power as we seek to witness to the risen Lord Jesus Acts 1:8** you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**Praying for all who are spiritually thirsty John 4:10** Jesus answered, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

**Praying for all needing reassurance John 14:15 - 16** “If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever

**Praying for those in need of guidance and direction John 16:13** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

**Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict people of their need of salvation John 16:8 - 11** When he (the Holy Spirit) comes, he will convict (or convince) the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

**Pray for a willingness to listen and learn John 14:26** But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

**Pray for hearts to be in tune with the Holy Spirit Romans 8:5** Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

**Give thanks that we have one who prays for us Romans 8:26** In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

**Pray for wisdom as to how people see their bodies 1 Corinthians 6:19** Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honour God with your bodies.

**Pray that all Christians will reveal the fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22 – 23a** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

**Pray for a response to the gospel message Ephesians 1:13 - 14** And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

**Pray for wisdom as to how we use the gifts God has entrusted us with 1 Corinthians 12: 7 - 11** Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.