

Thy Kingdom Come



PRAYER HANDBOOK



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Welcome

Kia ora! Welcome to Thy Kingdom Come! Each year our Movement joins in with this global call to prayer over the 10 days before Pentecost. With Christians all around the world we pray for God's will to be done, specifically praying for 5 people each to come to know the love of God in Jesus. As a Movement, we joined in recently to welcome our new Assistant Bishop, Anashuya Fletcher. At her ordination, we heard how the hand of God is stretched out to us, and in turn we stretch ours out to God and to others. So we've themed this resource around the different postures our hands take as we pray for others. We pray this is a precious and fruitful time of prayer for you.

Using your handbook

Step 1: Identifying your 5

Before we begin our 10 days of prayer, you can start asking God now who are the 5 people you are going to pray for. You are of course welcome to pray for more than 5! They might be people who don't yet know Jesus, or perhaps people who are struggling in their faith. Spend time listening to God. To help you identify your people, you might like to ask yourself:

- Who are the people who are friendly and curious about how I live my faith?
- Who are the people who just keep popping into my head?
- Have I had any surprise encounters with people recently?
- Who in my family could I pray for?

Step 2: Identify who to do this prayer journey with

You might do this prayer journey alone, and that's OK, but there's something about praying with and alongside others. Consider gathering with others to do this time of prayer with. This might be your family, household, some friends, or maybe your small group. There are activities to do if you have smaller people in your life - we can all pray for 5.

You don't need to share your names with others if that's not appropriate. But as we pray alongside each other we are encouraged, and can celebrate when we see the power of God at work.

Step 3: Pray!

Each day you'll find an introduction, scripture, activities, and a shared intercessory prayer. Read on, and get to it!

Day 1. Whakawhetai: raising our hands in celebration

Pray that God brings to mind the qualities that God loves about your five people. Write these below. Can you share these with your five as an encouragement?



I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy...

E whakawhetai ana ahau ki tōku Atua i ōku maharatanga katoa ki a koutou, i āku inoinga katoa, e puta ana tāku inoi mō koutou i ngā wā katoa i runga i te hari...

Philippians 1:3-4



high-fives, applause, hugs

Starting with thanksgiving is a great way to begin any prayer, and a great way to begin our 10-day journey of praying for five people to come to know Jesus.

We use our hands to affirm others in many ways: applause, hugs, high-fives, fist-bumps, hand-shakes, Mexican waves. And we read of God's delight over all of creation, including every person, uniquely and wonderfully made (Psalm 139). So today as we pray we bring our gratitude and celebration of the people God has placed on our hearts to pray for.

ka inoi tātou | let's pray

O God, we lift our hands in gratitude and praise for the splendour of your creation, where every corner shines with the brilliance of your handiwork. We pray that _____ be enveloped in your Holy Spirit, overflowing with joy and delight. May they bask in the awareness of your boundless love, and your utter delight in them, igniting moments of celebration in our midst. With hearts brimming with thankfulness and hands raised in reverence, let us declare your magnificence and extol your glory, for in you, we find the true essence of joy. Amen.

for smaller hands...

Choose one of your five people and think about what you like about them. Draw a picture or write a short note to let them know what you're grateful to God for about them. Then share it with them!





Day 2. Manaakitanga Hands of welcome and hospitality

Ask God to reveal opportunities to extend the welcome, the manaaki of God, to your 5 people. This might be through acts of hospitality, thoughtful care, or something else. Write these below (and act on them!)



Ko tāku kupu anō tēnei ki a koutou; ĭnoi, ā, ka hoatu ki a koutou; e rapu, ā, ka kite koutou; pātukia, ā, ka uakina ki a koutou.

So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Luke 11:9



come on in...

Our God invites us into radical acceptance as beloved children of the kingdom through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We see foretastes of this generous hospitality in Jesus' life as he welcomes, sits, and eats with people, just as they are. We can knock at Jesus' door any time and know we are welcomed home. Today, let's pray that our 5 people will know the welcome of God, just as they are.

ka ĭnoi tātou | Let's pray

Lord Jesus, with open hands you embraced all who sought your presence. May our homes and hearts echo your welcoming embrace, becoming sanctuaries where every soul finds solace and community. We ask that _____ may experience the warmth of your manaakitanga, knowing that your welcome is for them, just as they are. May our hands, guided by our unique gifts and talents, extend outward to embrace them, eagerly offering comfort, assistance, and companionship. May those who encounter you through us recognise that the door of God's kingdom is always open to welcome them in. Amen.

for smaller hands...

With a parent or caregiver, make some baking for one of your 5 people.

