

Welcome to a short time of prayer and reflection for the seventh Sunday of Easter.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen

The Lord be with you

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays that his disciple may be one, as he and the Father are one. Let's take a moment quietly to bring to mind all that we have let divide us from God and from one another as we ask God for healing and forgiveness:

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord have mercy

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart: Christ have mercy

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided: Lord have mercy

May the God of love and power, forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen

Let us pray:

O King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever, Amen

From the Gospel of John:

This is the Gospel of the Lord, Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon : see additional attachment

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, as they awaited the gift of your Spirit your friends were united in prayer. May your church finds increasing unity as we pray together "Thy Kingdom Come" during these days apart.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you revealed the glory of God even as you entered into the pain of the world. Bring relief from disease, hunger, injustice and war to all who suffer. Bless all who are working to further good health, care of our environment, peace and equity.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, you call us to be your presence in the world, help us to be good companions to one another at this time. Bless our families and friends. Protect all who serve this community in health and care services, education, food production and distribution and as volunteers.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, healer and companion of those in pain: we bring to you in a moment of quiet all those who are suffering today: May they know your presence as comfort and peace.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lord Jesus welcome into your Father's presence all who have died, may we, with them, come to share in your eternal kingdom.

Open our hearts to your Holy Spirit, and as you taught your disciples, teach us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,

Forever and ever,

Amen.

As we go into the rest of the day and into the new week we turn towards the celebration of Pentecost, sharing in the movement of prayer across the world that says "Thy Kingdom Come". May we find a sense of renewal and refreshment:

As we wait in silence...make us ready for the coming of the Spirit

As we listen to your word...

As we worship you with joyful hearts....

As we see your image in those around us and your hand in all creation....

As we long for your refreshing

As we long for your renewal

As we long for your gifting.....make us ready for the coming of your Spirit

And we pray for God's blessing:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be

with you, and with those who you love and pray for, today and everyday, Amen