



St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

Journeying Together in Faith



4th May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thy Kingdom Come Pray initiative

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension (May 10) and Pentecost (May 20) for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. The Catholic Diocese of East Anglia are being encouraged to join this global prayer campaign. Here at St Mary and St Peter's we would like to offer the children and families of the school to join in with this. We are offering you two ways to do so.

1. Using the template on the following sheet, or drawing round a member of your families hands, write the names of five people your family would like the school to pray for (one name on each finger/thumb) Your don't have to put the persons full name, it could just be 'My Neighbour' or 'Granny'. Cut and if you like decorate the rest of the hand and return it to school. We will put all the hands we receive on our prayer tree in the entrance and on Monday assemblies the whole school will pray for all the people who are named on the prayer tree.
2. Following the success of "Extreme Reading" we are asking the children to take part in "Extreme Prayer"

People in the Bible pray in all sorts of places. Your challenge over the half term holiday is to find similar places near you and take a photo of you or your family saying a prayer an "extreme" place. There are some ideas for possible places to pray and suggestions of what you could pray on the back of this sheet. We would love to see pictures of your extreme praying and you can either email them into the school or alternatively print out a copy to send in.

If you would like to know more about this project across the diocese you can see more at the following website, <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/join-thy-kingdom-come-prayer-campaign-plea/>

Kind regards,

Mrs. K Ricketts Deputy Headteacher

Ideas of places to pray

'Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord' (Psalm 130:1). **What's the deepest or lowest place you can find?** Prayer: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord, for [Name]

'The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain"' (Exodus 24:12). **What's the highest place you can find?** Prayer: I pray that neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate ... from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:39).

'Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in front of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands' (2 Chronicles 6:12). **Where's the busiest place you can find?** Prayer: I pray for the well-being of ... and their family (Ezra 6:10).

Hannah was praying in her heart' (1 Samuel 1:13). **What's the most silent place you can find?** Prayer: Hear my prayer for... (Psalm 4:1).

'He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed' (1 Kings 19:4). **How many people can you fit under a bush to pray?** Prayer: Listen to my prayer for... (Psalm 55:1).

[A maskil of David. When he was in the cave. A prayer.] 'I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy' (Psalm 142:1) **Can you find a cave or a dark enclosed place?** Prayer: May my prayer come before you for [Name] (Psalm 88:2).

'Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed' (Mark 1:35). **Can you pray as the sun rises?** Prayer: I pray for help for [Name] (Daniel 6:11).

All of them, including wives and children, accompanied us out of the city, and there on the beach we knelt to pray' (Acts 21:5). **Can you pray on a beach?** Prayer: I pray that the eyes of [Name]'s heart will be enlightened (Ephesians 1:18).

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people' (Ephesians 6:18). **What's the most unlikely place you can find?** Prayer: I pray that [Name] will be rooted and established in God's love (Ephesians 3:17).



