

The Ascension speaks to us of the reign of Christ and his Kingdom; that theme informs these intercessions.

A sung response will be used, during which you will hear the instrumental version of 'Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom'. Please join with the response yourselves, at home.

Your Kingdom come.

Response: Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom'

Let us hold before God all those whom Christ calls to follow him –

when faith is great and when faith is little;

when faith is sure and when faith clings by its fingernails;

when faith sees clearly and when faith gropes;

when faith reassures and when faith challenges;

when following is easy and when following brings conflict –

both those who follow Christ with firm tread and those whose step is less steady –

that, among God's people, joys may be celebrated and tears may be shed,

all are welcomed, young and old, seeker and stranger,

God's Kingdom is both sought and lived,

and the Good News of Jesus Christ is shared and proclaimed.

Your Kingdom come.

Response: Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom'

Let us hold before God all those to whom Christ offers his Kingdom:

the abused and the exploited;

the battered and the bruised;

the blind and the broken;

the deaf and the dumb;

the destitute and the dispirited;

the feeble and the forgotten;

the homeless and the hungry;

the lame and the lost;

the lonely and the unwelcome;
the outcast and the scapegoat;
the poor and the paralysed;
the sick and the sorrowful;
the unlovely and the unloved.

(Short silence, during which you are encouraged to say at home names and situations.)

Your Kingdom come.

Response: Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom'

Let us bring to God those conditions in which we long to see Christ reign:
where conflict is a reality and peace but a dream;
where greed is honoured and generosity is mocked;
where injustice reigns and justice is trampled underfoot;
where the powerful are heard and the powerless are ignored;
where people are discriminated against because of race, creed and gender.
where the earth is abused;
where historic hate lives;
where honest work is derided or denied.

(Short silence, and names and situations might be mentioned.)

Your Kingdom come.

Response: Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom'

Give to us, O God,

A VISION OF YOUR KINGDOM,

A GLIMPSE OF YOUR GLORY,

AN OPENNESS TO YOUR RULE,

AND YOUR SPIRIT TO GUIDE US.

HEAR US, WE PRAY, THROUGH CHRIST,

THE RISEN AND ASCENDED ONE.

AMEN

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