

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- *God's royal priesthood, that it may be empowered by the Spirit*
- *Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal*
- *All people, that they may acknowledge the kingdom of the ascended Christ*
- *The earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests*
- *All who are struggling with broken relationships*

Intercessions may include praying for your 5 (see page 45) and/or the form of prayer on page 46.

The Collect for Thy Kingdom Come or another suitable Collect is said:

Almighty God,
your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Collect for Thy Kingdom Come

(or)

O King enthroned on high,
Comforter and Spirit of truth,
you that are in all places and fill all things,
the treasury of blessings and the giver of life,
come and dwell with us,
cleanse us from every stain
and save our souls, O gracious one.

All Amen.

an Orthodox prayer

A form of intercession

Prayers during Ascension to Pentecost may include the following concerns from the seasonal cycle in Common Worship: Daily Prayer

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Some or all parts of this form of intercession may be used. Specific petitions may be added, or silence may be kept, at suitable points.

Through Christ, who ever lives to make intercession for us,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places
and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood: *R*

Let all peoples acknowledge your kingdom
and grant on earth the blessing of peace: *R*

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit
and renew your Church with power from on high: *R*

May peace abound and righteousness flourish,
that we may vanquish injustice and wrong: *R*

Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation,
and grant us the needful gifts of your grace: *R*

Let us commend the world, for which Christ prays,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Collect and Lord's Prayer follow.