

Deanery Visits Prayer Resource

Prayer is vital to every aspect of Christian life. When it comes to mission and evangelism, we are acutely aware that we are looking to God to work in the hearts of people through the Holy Spirit that they might see Jesus. So, here are a few thoughts on how you might help people in your churches to relate prayer to this year's deanery visits.

Pray for five

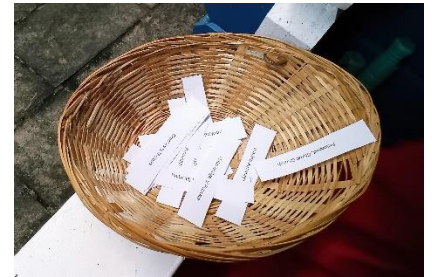
Thy Kingdom Come has lots of suggestions of creative ways to **pray for five** friends or colleagues or neighbours. You can read more [here](#) and they also have a useful download.

Some find it helpful to share names in 2s & 3s for mutual support.

Pray for the churches of your deanery

We prayed around the deaneries during our Thy Kingdom Come prayer pilgrimages. We will leave these files on [this](#) web page for you to access.

St Thomas Crookes had a simple basket with parish names on strips of paper. You could use this idea as a prayer station to encourage people to pray for churches in your deanery.



Sunday intercessions

When you pray for 'the Church' on Sundays, include prayer for the deanery evangelism events with a visiting bishop. You could make this a monthly feature and then perhaps weekly when the date draws near. This also makes sure the congregation hear about it!

Diocesan Vision Prayer

Those of you who like a 'Collect type prayer' could use our Diocesan Vision Prayer as a way to pray for the visit to your deanery.

Prayer walking

Involvement with Arise in Sheffield and other opportunities for prayer walking has alerted us to the value of getting out and praying the areas in which we live.

This year's Thy Kingdom Come videos included a brilliant video that demystifies prayer walking for those who have never done it. You can find it [here](#).

There are doubtless lots of other ways to pray for the mission. If you have ideas to share, please send them to John Hibberd (email below).

If you have any questions, contact me:
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Living God,

Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.
Renew us as we make your love known; Release us to share freely together in mission; and Rejuvenate us to be fruitful in your service.

Give us courage, wisdom and compassion, that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield, both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord.

Amen



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