



Week of Prayer

MARANATHA

'Come, Lord Jesus'

Prayer Guide

1-7 March

INTRODUCTION

Bible reading: Romans 8:18-25; Revelation 22:17, 20

The early church lived in holy tension. Christ was risen. Christ reigns. Yet they did not yet see everything fulfilled. So, they prayed with longing and assurance, "Come, Lord Jesus."

We sense that same tension among us.

There are signs of life. Our children are stepping into freedom. Our youth are speaking about their faith with new confidence and living it with boldness. Our young adults are returning to wholehearted pursuit of God and deeper community. In our gatherings, the Lord is drawing near. His presence is tangible among us. There is rising hunger in worship, and our leaders are discerning and responding with courage beyond comfort.

These are not signs that we have arrived. They are first fruits.

We long to see our children praying for one another instinctively and with bold trust. Our youth continue to face pressures around identity, anxiety and the weight of their world, and we long to see them strengthened and established in faith. We long to see our young adults firmly rooted in faith that clearly shapes their decisions, direction and daily lives. And in our worship, we are believing for greater testimonies of salvation, healing and deliverance – across all generations – as we minister before the Lord.

Something is stirring. Something is emerging. Not climax but spring. Not noise but deep movement beneath the surface.

Beyond our walls, we are hearing stories of breakthrough and increasing openness to prayer in our town. And yet our town, our nation and our world remain marked by brokenness, fear and uncertainty. We see enough to know God is moving, and enough to know we need more.

We taste beginnings but we long for fullness. We witness first fruits, but we cry out for harvest.

Maranatha. Our Lord, come.

We do not pray from anxiety but from enthronement. The lamb reigns. The Spirit is at work. The kingdom advances, even when unseen. We join the ancient cry of the church, not as escape but as alignment.

Come in greater measure.

Come in deeper holiness.

Come in transforming power.

Come and complete what you have begun.

Maranatha.

Sunday 1 March

NO CONDEMNATION – A SAFE BEGINNING

Bible reading: Romans 8:1-4; Hebrews 10:19-23

Before we cry “Maranatha,” we must know where we stand. *‘There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.’* The cross has spoken. The debt is cancelled. By the blood of Jesus, the way into God’s presence is open. We do not begin this week striving for breakthrough but resting in assurance. We approach not as servants unsure of their standing, but as sons and daughters welcomed home.

We begin this week aware that we have known loss and disappointment, yet we do not begin from despair. Because we have confidence to enter his presence, we draw near with sincere hearts and full assurance of faith. A heart weighed down by shame cannot pray with confidence.

The foundation of this week is safety in the finished work of Christ. From that place of assurance, we draw near to worship and to pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” holding firmly to the hope we profess.

RESPONSE

- Thank God for the finished work of Christ and the access you have through his blood.
- Repent of hidden shame or self-condemnation.
- Pray for pastoral healing where grief or disappointment lingers.
- Draw near today with full assurance and renewed confidence as God’s child.

Prayer Points | Our church family

STEP ONE. PRAY FOR OUR TWO DAILY PRAYER POINTS

- For a **new church building**, giving us space to serve our ministries, to grow, and to reach more people with the love of Jesus. Pray God would show us where to look, open doors, and that he would provide miraculously.
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STEP TWO. PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Today, we’d love you to pray for our church family – that we’d be committed to Jesus and committed to one another.

Please pray:

- For a fresh outpouring of the Spirit on the church, equipping us and empowering us to love one another and to reach out to the lost.
- That our church family would be marked by unity, that where the enemy seeks to bring disunity and disruption, we’d pursue love and togetherness.
- That we’d be a church family where everyone plays their part, using the diversity of gifts God has given us.
- For the spaces where we meet together outside of Sunday mornings, like our small groups – that these would be places of love and encouragement, where disciples are made and trained.
- That we’d devote ourselves to Jesus, to the word, to prayer and to reaching out – and that we’d be known for our counter-cultural, gospel-centred generosity.

Monday 2 March

CHRIST IS CROWNED

Bible reading: Revelation 5:6-13; Ephesians 1:20-221

John saw the Lamb standing at the centre of the throne. The One who was slain now reigns. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, far above all rule and authority, with all things under his feet. In Christ, we are joined to the risen head who rules over everything for the sake of his church. Authority is not uncertain. History is not spiralling out of control. The outcome is not fragile.

We pray from enthronement, not anxiety. The kingdom advances even when progress feels hidden. Because he reigns, our hope is steady, our labour meaningful, and our waiting confident. Maranatha is not panic; it is alignment with a crowned and worthy King.

RESPONSE

- Worship the Lamb who was slain and now reigns.
- Surrender fears about the future, remembering that all things are under his feet.
- Pray for renewed trust in his sovereign rule over our church and town.
- Ask for bold, hopeful faith rooted in his victory.

Prayer Points | Our leaders & teams

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STEP TWO. PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS AND TEAMS

Today, we'd love you to pray for those who serve in the church, whether it's in full-time ministry, or leading or serving voluntarily in teams.

Please pray:

- For our elders, trustees and staff team (you can see who they are at kchw.co.uk/leadership). Please pray for them:
 - to be filled with the Spirit
 - for encouragement, unity and godly wisdom
 - for the joy and peace of the Lord
 - for protection for them and their families

- Ask the Lord to highlight individuals in the team, and listen to God for them – let them know what you feel he is saying to you for them.
- For our leaders across the church – small group leaders, ministry leaders, worship leaders, meeting leaders...: for a revelation of sonship – that leading would be a joy not a burden, and that they'd lead from a place of knowing they are beloved sons and daughters.
- For all our serving teams – that we'd see togetherness and joy in our teams – that we'd radiate the grace, humility and joy of Jesus Christ as we serve.
- For mobilisation of new leaders and new people joining serving teams, every person playing their part (Eph 4:16).

Tuesday 3 March

FIRSTFRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

Bible reading: Romans 8:18-23

Paul writes that *'the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed.'* Creation waits in eager expectation. And we, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, wait as well. Firstfruits are signs of what is coming. They are not fullness, but promise.

We see evidence of God's work among us: hunger in worship, courage in our youth, freedom among our children, renewed pursuit among our young adults, and stories of breakthrough beyond our walls. Spring has begun, yet we still wait eagerly for what is to come. Firstfruits awaken expectation. They stir holy desire for more. We give thanks, but we do not settle. We ask the Spirit to enlarge our capacity for the glory he intends to reveal.

RESPONSE

- Thank God for signs of life in our church family.
- Pray for increased hunger across every generation.
- Ask for enlarged spiritual capacity.
- Invite the Spirit to deepen what he has begun.

Prayer Points | The generations

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STEP TWO. PRAY FOR THE GENERATIONS

We're blessed to be a church of all different ages. Today, pray for the different generations in our big church family, lifting them to God.

Please pray:

- For **King's Kids**: that the youngest members of our family would have life-changing encounters with Jesus, and that out of it, they'd grow in their gifting and live with daily expectation of what's possible with God.

- For **King's Youth**: that the spiritual temperature would be raised further still among our young people. That they'd love Jesus, love the Bible and love prayer – and that they'd be so full of the Spirit that they can't stop talking about Jesus!
- For our **Young Adults & Students**: that they'd continue to hunger for more of Jesus and put following him above everything else at a time when life starts to get very busy, and that the 'quiet revival' happening in this generation would continue, spread and that many would come to know Jesus.
- For **PowerHouse and those in the retired generations**: that God would ignite and fuel a fresh passion for Jesus, unlock spiritual gifts, and release new joy in serving, praying and reaching out.
- For **everyone in between** – whatever their background, whatever they're facing, that God would fill them and equip them with his Spirit today.

Wednesday 4 March

HOLY RESTLESSNESS

Bible passages: Romans 8:24-27

'In this hope we were saved.' Hope that is seen is not hope. Creation groans. We groan inwardly. And the Spirit himself intercedes with groans too deep for words. This is not despair; it is longing shaped by promise. We feel the tension of the 'now and not yet' because we belong to a coming Kingdom.

Holy restlessness keeps us awake without driving us into fear. The Spirit helps us in our weakness and prays according to the will of God. We do not pray from agitation but from deep desire. In uncertainty, he steadies us. Our groaning becomes partnership with heaven.

RESPONSE

- Yield to Spirit-led intercession.
- Pray for deeper alignment with God's will.
- Intercede for our town and nation in hope.
- Ask for steady fire rather than emotional intensity.

Prayer Points | Our nation & the nations

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STEP TWO. PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND THE NATIONS

Today is an opportunity to lift up our nation and the nations, asking God to see his kingdom come.

- **Pick a nation – it could be the UK, your birth nation, or a nation that's close to your heart – and pray big prayers:** for the gospel to be preached and received, for many to be saved; for signs and wonders to break out that draw people to glorify Jesus; for a courageous Church to rise up; and for righteous government in that nation, inspired by the love, grace and wisdom of the Lord.

• **Pray for the places where we're at work overseas:**

- For our work in **Nepal**, where we partner with King's Church Kathmandu and support two amazing children's homes – pray for Amos and Jen Lhomi and the rest of the KCK leadership team.
 - For **the Arab Gulf region**, where we support two amazing church members who minister in local churches and equip Christian workers.
 - For **Catalyst**, the apostolic movement of churches we're a part of, as they start and strengthen churches that multiply disciples to see God's kingdom fill the Earth.
- **Pray for God to lead us into new and emerging overseas mission opportunities to support and bless as a church** – that God would raise up church planters at King's who will go on to plant churches in the UK and overseas.

Thursday 5 March

THE BRIDE AWAKENS

Bible passage: Revelation 22:17; John 7:37-39; Acts 18:9-10

'The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
The Spirit speaks first. The bride responds.

Jesus stood and said, *"If anyone is thirsty, let them come to me and drink."* Hunger is rising among us. In our gatherings, the Lord is drawing near and his presence is tangible. We are not manufacturing desire; we are responding to him.

The Lord has spoken over this house: "Do not be afraid... I have many people in this place." We remember what he has said. We align our longing with his faithful promise. The bride finds her voice as she aligns her desire with heaven's longing.

As we drink from him, rivers of living water flow. Our prayer becomes simple and unified:

*'Come, Lord Jesus.
Fulfil what you have spoken.'*

RESPONSE

- Thank God for his promises over our church and town.
- Pray Acts 18:10 over our town.
- Ask for unity of heart and voice across the church.
- Let the Bride join the Spirit to cry, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Prayer Points | God's promises

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STEP TWO: PRAY GOD'S PROMISES BACK TO HIM

Here are some of the key prophetic words we've received over the years. Read them aloud, see what stirs you, and ask the Father to make them a reality.

"You are to be lights on the hills – a torch from which lights will be lit on all the hills around High Wycombe, bringing men and women to salvation and deliverance and the fullness of the Spirit through faith in Jesus Christ."

– **A recurring word given to the church around 1980**

In Acts 18, God says to Paul, "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you... I have many people in this city." The Lord is saying to you, "I have many people in this place."

– **Given to Neil Bartlett, January 2009**

"God is going to bring a convergence of rich and poor in order to experience the truth and life of God. He is going to cause a breakthrough in evangelistic potency and fruitfulness, and there will be an influx of people coming in from two different sides of society and encountering God as a result. God is going to begin to use this church as a resource financially to finance mission, to finance what God is going to do."

– **Julian Adams, July 2013**

"God is giving you the keys to the city. King's is coming into a season of favour in the town where you will be invited to the table of influence; a church that will not be on the margins, but in the centre... a stakeholder of authority in the town. And this will particularly be in the area of social action, in how you care for the poor and the most vulnerable."

– **Phil Wilthew, September 2018**

Friday 6 March

MARANATHA

Bible passages: Revelation 22:20

'Surely I am coming soon.' To this promise, the church replies, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus." The early believers carried this cry not as escape from the world, but as hope within it. They knew Christ reigned, yet they longed for his appearing.

We will gather tonight with the same assurance. We have remembered his finished work, worshipped the crowned Christ, recognised firstfruits, and groaned in hope. Now we lift one united voice. Not frantic. Not forced. Confident. Expectant. Maranatha.

RESPONSE

- Worship and wait in his presence.
- Intercede for salvation, healing, and deliverance.
- Pray for awakening in our town and beyond.
- Let us declare together, "Maranatha."

Prayer Points | Signs & wonders

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STEP TWO. PRAY FOR SIGNS AND WONDERS

Jesus has authority over sickness, over storms, over demons and death. Today, pray for kingdom breakthrough to come in our church and beyond.

Please pray:

- For a **fresh outpouring of the Spirit** on the church, equipping all of us to extend the kingdom rule of God into every environment.
- For **miraculous healing**: Think of people you know and love who have any kind of physical, psychological or emotional pain and sickness. Pray they'd know the presence and comfort of God, and pray with authority for their healing.
- For **salvation**: Every salvation story is a death-to-life story. So lift people to God today, and pray for salvation to come, knowing that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, and that the Spirit can soften the hardest heart.
- That we'd be **naturally supernatural** people: Think of all the places you'll go today, and the people you'll interact with. Ask God for opportunities to bring a touch of the kingdom into those places – peace where there's anxiety, freedom where there's captivity, truth where there's confusion, love where there's apathy and hate.

Saturday 7 March

UNTIL HE COMES

Bible passage: 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 3:1-4

"Therefore, stand firm. Let nothing move you."

Because Christ is coming, our labour is not in vain. Our life is now hidden with Christ in God. Resurrection hope anchors ordinary faithfulness. We are not called to a moment of intensity but to steady obedience.

When Christ, who is our life, appears, we will appear with him in glory. Until that day, we set our hearts on what is above and remain steadfast in witness, holiness, and service. Maranatha strengthens us to run the race faithfully.

RESPONSE

- Commit to daily faithfulness and obedience.
- Pray for perseverance in your calling.
- Ask for courage to witness in ordinary spaces.
- Fix your hope firmly on the appearing of Christ.

Prayer Points | Our outreach & social action

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STEP TWO. PRAY FOR OUR OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION

Today, we'd love you to focus on the ways we're reaching out to those in our own lives, and on the works we've planted to serve those in our town.

Please pray:

- For those on your BLESS list: friends, family, neighbours, colleagues who don't yet know Jesus. Pray for opportunities to listen to them, eat with them, serve them, and share your story and the gospel with them. (Find out about BLESS at kchw.co.uk/bless)

- For the wonderful gospel-centred ministries that have been planted here intentionally to serve those in our town. In each area, pray for protection and wisdom for the leaders and teams, for the presence of God, for good relationships to be built, and for freedom and salvation:
- **King's Table**, serving those caught in life-controlling addictions and homelessness.
- **Chosen**, seeking to love and serve women caught in sexual exploitation.
- **Christians Against Poverty**, serving and supporting those caught in unmanageable cycles of debt.
- **Learning English**, providing English language skills and community to women and men for whom English isn't their first language, and seeds for the kingdom of God.
- **Little Stars**, serving young children and parents and carers in our town.
- **Bridge Court Outreach**, seeking to love and serve those housed in Bridge Court, next to the church building.



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