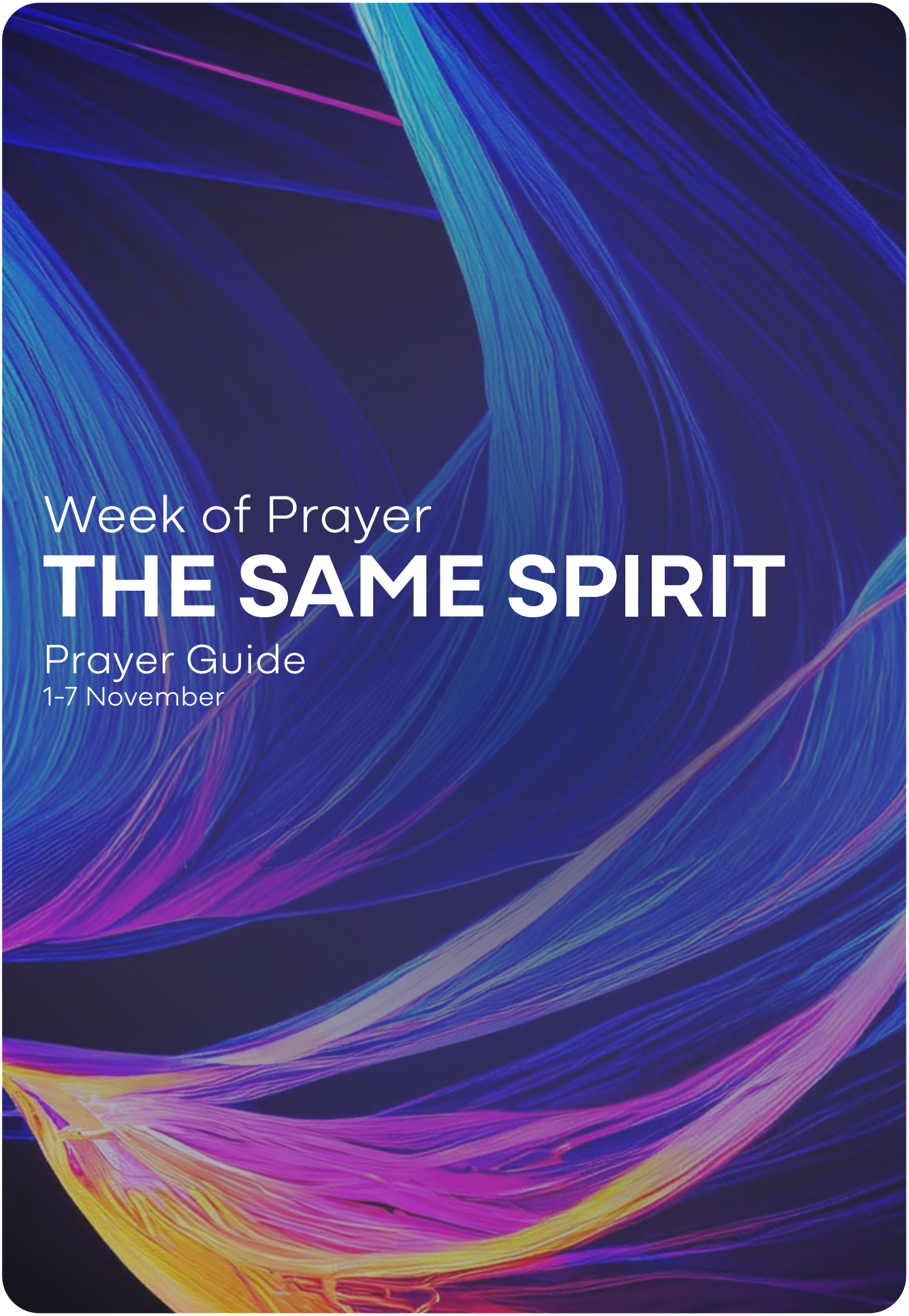
Week of Prayer
THE SAME SPIRIT
Prayer Guide
1-7 November

WELCOME TO OUR WEEK OF PRAYER

Throughout our Living Water series, we have heard Jesus' invitation: *"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink."*

Jesus satisfies the thirsty, but he did not stop there; he said that rivers of living water would flow from within those who believe in him. The water he gives is personally received, but it is never meant to remain an isolated spiritual experience. It is meant to overflow through us. In 1 Corinthians 12:13, Paul tells us that we are given the one Spirit to drink and, by that same Spirit, we are formed into one body. This one Spirit gives us life in Christ, works through us to build us up together in love and empowers us to proclaim and demonstrate the Kingdom of God, making Jesus known in word and deed.

The Holy Spirit is the subject of this week of prayer and the one upon whom we utterly depend. The Spirit who moved over the waters at creation, spoke through the prophets, and raised Jesus from the dead is the same Spirit who was poured out at Pentecost and empowered the early church. And he has not changed. He is still at work today, revealing Jesus and transforming us into Christ's likeness. He gives each of us spiritual gifts, and equips and sends us to serve Christ and bear witness to him. This promise is for all God's people: sons and daughters, young and old, from every tribe and tongue. We are not merely spectators but participants and this week we choose to step in.

Across the seven days, we're making space to come with godly sorrow over what is dry in and around us, and with holy hunger for the Lord to renew his work among us: breathing life, reviving the weary and filling us afresh. We recognise the gap between what scripture describes and what we often see, and we refuse to accept that gap as normal. We're praying for revival, for the church to have a fresh passion for Jesus and to be set apart for his mission so that many people would be saved and his kingdom would come in our town and beyond. Because he is the same Spirit, we pray with faith: "Do it again, Lord".

This week, let's come thirsty and expectant. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to search us, reveal Jesus, help us receive what he freely gives and show us how to respond. Let's be ready to worship, pray, listen and obey, making room to meet with him both alone and with others.

We expect the God whose voice thunders over the waters to make himself heard among us, and to fan into flame what he has given us and help us steward it faithfully. The same Spirit is here. May he form us into one people and cause men and women of every age to prophesy, dream dreams and see visions. May he send us together into one mission, gathering a great harvest and causing his justice, righteousness, peace and joy to flow like a river through our town, our nation and the nations.

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER

This week, we're inviting the whole church to pray and make space to encounter God daily. Alongside personal prayer, there are opportunities to pray with others to seek God together, and carry one another's burderns as the Holy Spirit forms us into one people.

Here are four ways to be involved:

Establish a daily habit

This booklet is your daily companion for the week.

Each day, there is a scripture reading and devotional to help you encounter God, and prayer points to guide your prayers.

Book a 24/7 prayer slot

We'd love to cover the whole week, day and night, with at least one person from the church praying for an hour.

Book an hour to pray as an individual, or with friends, family or your small group.

You can book your 24/7 prayer slots by scanning the QR code or going to kchw.co.uk/prayer.

Could you take a longer watch?
Book consecutive slots, individually or with others.

Join the Engine Room prayer meeting

Start the day praying with others on Wednesday 4 November, 7–7:45am, on Zoom.

Fast and join the Half Night of Prayer

On Friday 6 November, those whose health permits are invited to fast during the day.

And then, the whole church is invited to our Half Night of Prayer at King's from 8pm to midnight, where we'll break bread, worship and pray.

Find how to book 24/7 prayer slots and join the Engine Room at

kchw.co.uk/prayer

Sunday 1 November

MADE ONE

Formed into his body

Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12–13; Ephesians 4:3–6; 1 Corinthians 6:17

This week begins with what God has already done.

We do not become the body of Christ by deciding to cooperate. By the one Spirit, God joins us to Christ and forms us into one body. Our unity is not a mood, a programme or an achievement. It is a gift to receive and a calling to live out.

It begins with Christ. Whoever is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Because we belong to Christ, we belong to one another. The Holy Spirit does not erase our differences. He gathers people of every age, tribe and tongue into one life under one Lord, so that each belongs, each is needed and each has something to give. Unity is not uniformity. Paul tells us to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit, because unity is kept, not manufactured.

This body is made for something. Jesus promised rivers of living water from within, and his body is how that life reaches the world. This is why God has called us to be a diverse church of thousands that surrounds and saturates High Wycombe with the love of Jesus. We pursue diversity because the Spirit forms one family from many peoples. We pursue growth because the Spirit has given us a desire to see many more people saved, healed, set free and touched by the love of Jesus.

Church, we have been made one. Let us live like it.

RESPONSE

- Think of someone at King's you barely know, perhaps from another generation or culture. Ask the Spirit to make your unity with them practical, and decide on one small step you can take this week.
- Repent of isolation, comparison or indifference, and thank God for the gift of those in our church family who are different from you.
- Ask the Spirit how you can help make King's a church where people of every age, background and culture are welcomed, valued and enabled to contribute.

PRAY

Holy Spirit, thank you that you have made us one with Christ and with one another. Teach us to receive one another, honour every member and grow together in love. Make us a diverse people whose shared life reveals Jesus. Let your life flow through us until High Wycombe is surrounded and saturated with the love of Christ.
Amen.

PRAYER POINTS | OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Step One. Pray for our two daily prayer points

- Pray for a **new church building**, giving us space to serve our ministries, grow and reach more people with the love of Jesus. Ask God to show us where to look, open the right doors and provide miraculously.
- Pray that we would become a **resource church**, an exceedingly generous church that resources kingdom advance beyond our walls, borders and generations. Ask God to lead us on a journey of faith that sees his kingdom break in and brings us new depths of joy as we give.

Step Two. Pray for our church family

The same Spirit has formed us into one body. Pray that our shared life will make the love and character of Jesus visible.

- For a fresh outpouring of the Spirit on the church, equipping and empowering us to love one another and reach those who do not yet know Jesus.
- That our church family would be marked by unity. Where the enemy seeks to bring division and disruption, pray that we would pursue love, forgiveness and togetherness.
- That everyone would know they belong and play their part, using the diversity of gifts God has given us.
- For our small groups and the other places where we meet beyond Sunday mornings. Pray that they would be places of prayer, love and encouragement, where people encounter God and disciples are made.
- That we would devote ourselves to Jesus, to the word, to prayer and to reaching out, and that we would be known for our counter-cultural, gospel-centred generosity.

Monday 2 November

DRINK DEEP

Receiving from the source

Bible reading: John 7:37–39; Isaiah 55:1–3; Isaiah 44:3; Revelation 3:17–18

Jesus calls the thirsty. His invitation begins with honest need: *"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink."* Thirst is the recognition that nothing else can give the life that only Christ supplies.

Isaiah speaks to people who have spent themselves on what leaves them empty. God invites those without money to come and buy, which means to come with nothing and receive everything. We relinquish our self-sufficiency, broken cisterns and exhausted striving, and receive what we could never supply for ourselves.

Jesus gives the same invitation to the church in Laodicea. They believed they were rich and needed nothing, but their comfort concealed their true condition. He said, "Buy from me," and offered true riches, covering and sight. Thirst often becomes apparent only when Christ exposes the poverty beneath our self-sufficiency.

Sometimes we approach an ocean with a teaspoon. We ask for enough strength to survive or enough peace to quiet one fear, while Jesus offers rivers of living water. To drink deeply is to come to Jesus with our whole need, receive freely and remain open to the Spirit's present work. The Spirit whom Christ poured out at Pentecost still fills his people today.

What he pours into us overflows. The river received becomes the river that flows.

RESPONSE

- Name where you are thirsty and what you usually turn to for relief. Bring both honestly to Jesus.
- Ask Jesus to show you where you have lived as though you need nothing from him. Ask him to expose false sufficiency, awaken true thirst and fill you afresh with the Holy Spirit.
- Choose something to lay aside today, such as a distraction or unnecessary activity, and use that time to seek Jesus with undivided attention.
- Sit with open hands and receive. Do not hurry to fill the silence with more words.

PRAY

Jesus, we are thirsty and we come to you. Expose what cannot satisfy and fill us afresh with your Spirit. Send revival in our day, awaken your church and let the life we receive become a river flowing through us to our town.
Amen.

PRAYER POINTS | GOD'S PROMISES

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Step Two. Pray for God's promises

God promises to pour water on thirsty ground and his Spirit upon his people and their descendants (Isaiah 44:3). He invites everyone who thirsts to come and receive freely from him (Isaiah 55:1).

Here are some of the key prophetic words we have received over the years. Read them aloud, notice what stirs within you, and ask the Father to bring them to fulfilment.

"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

Tuesday 3 November

THIS IS THAT

The promise poured out

Bible reading: Joel 2:28–29; Acts 2:14–21, 32–33; Genesis 1:1–2; Luke 4:18-19

On the day of Pentecost, Peter explained what was happening: "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." Jesus had been crucified, raised from the dead and exalted to the Father's right hand. He had received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him out upon his people.

Pentecost was a decisive moment in God's saving work. The reality it inaugurated continues: the Spirit upon all God's people, the name of Jesus proclaimed, people calling upon the Lord and the church bearing witness in the power of God.

Joel's promise reaches beyond a spiritual elite. Sons and daughters prophesy. Young and old receive. Men and women are included. The Spirit who moved over the waters at creation rested upon Jesus and anointed him to bring good news to the poor. Now he dwells within and moves through God's new-creation people.

Each generation must encounter the Spirit firsthand. We receive the testimony of those who came before us, and we seek to know his presence and power in our own day. The same Spirit is present and active. Our children and young people can encounter him, and those who have walked with God for many years can be renewed by him.

The promise has been poured out. Let every generation receive and respond.

RESPONSE

- Where have you assumed that the Spirit's voice or gifts are mainly for other people? Confess this and ask him to work in and through you.
- Pray for a son or daughter, or for someone from a younger or older generation, to encounter Jesus and participate courageously in the Spirit's work.
- Ask the Spirit to give you a word, picture or burden. Write it down, pray about it, check it against scripture and bring anything significant to a trusted leader.

PRAY

Holy Spirit, thank you that the promise is for all your people. Fill and empower sons and daughters, young and old. Awaken every generation to hear your voice, receive your gifts and take its place in your mission. Let our children encounter Jesus, let the generations strengthen one another and let your life flow through your whole church.
Amen.

PRAYER POINTS | THE GENERATIONS

Step One. Pray for our two daily prayer points

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Step Two. Pray for the generations

The same Spirit is poured out on sons and daughters, young and old. We're blessed to be a church of all different ages. Today, pray for every generation 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 and whatever they're facing, that God would fill them and equip them with his spirit today.

Wednesday 4 November

RESURRECTION WITHIN

The Spirit who raised Jesus lives in us

Bible reading: Romans 8:9-25; Ezekiel 37:1–14; 2 Corinthians 3:16–18; Galatians 5:22–23

The Holy Spirit is God present within us. Paul says that the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in those who belong to Christ and will give life to our mortal bodies. Resurrection is our future hope, and resurrection life has already entered us through the Spirit. In the Spirit we have the firstfruits of what is still to come, and we wait with hope for the full redemption God has promised.

Ezekiel was taken to a valley of dry bones. As he prophesied, the bones came together and bodies formed, but there was no breath in them. At God's command he prophesied again, and the breath entered them. They stood on their feet, a vast army. To his exiled people, God promised, "I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live." Form and activity are not the same as life. Only the Spirit can breathe life where death has prevailed, and we must not accept spiritual dryness or powerlessness as normal.

The Spirit gives life to what sin has deadened. He enables us to put to death the practices that resist God, frees us from slavery to fear and teaches our hearts to cry, "Abba, Father." His presence assures us that we are God's children before he empowers us for God's work.

This resurrection life becomes visible as the character of Jesus takes shape in us. As we walk by the Spirit, his fruit grows and we are changed from one degree of glory to another.

The Spirit who raised Jesus from the grave is at work in us. He breathes life into dry places, renews us in the image of Christ and raises us together as a people ready for God's purposes.

RESPONSE

- Name one place in your life where you have become weary, fearful or resigned. Ask the Spirit to breathe life there. Then pray for any place where we as a church have grown accustomed to spiritual dryness or powerlessness.
- Ask where the Spirit is calling you to put an old pattern to death and which aspect of Christ's character he wants to form in its place. Take one practical step in newness of life.
- Receive the Father's love again. Allow the Spirit's cry, "Abba, Father," to become your prayer.

PRAY

Father, thank you that the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives within us. Breathe resurrection life into everything that has become weary, bound or broken. Free us from slavery to fear, transform us into the image of Christ and let his character be seen in us more and more. Lead us as beloved children of the Father, and raise us together as a people ready for your purposes. Bring healing, salvation and freedom, and accomplish among us what only you can do. Amen.

PRAYER POINTS | SIGNS AND WONDERS

Step One. Pray for our two daily prayer points

- Pray for a **new church building**, giving us space to serve our ministries, grow and reach more people with the love of Jesus. Ask God to show us where to look, open the right doors and provide miraculously.
- Pray that we would become a **resource church**, an exceedingly generous church that resources kingdom advance beyond our walls, borders and generations. Ask God to lead us on a journey of faith that sees his kingdom break in and brings us new depths of joy as we give.

Step Two. Pray for signs and wonders

The same Spirit who raised Jesus lives in his people. Jesus has authority over sickness, storms, demons and death. Ask for the compassionate power of his kingdom to bring life where human strength has reached its limit, 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 physical, psychological or emotional pain and sickness. Pray that they would know the presence and comfort of God, and pray with authority for their healing. Give thanks for God's provision through medical care, and ask for wisdom for those treating and supporting them.
- For **salvation**. Every salvation story is a death-to-life story. 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.
- For **freedom from addiction, fear and destructive patterns**, and for wise support where it is needed.
- That we would be **naturally supernatural** people. Think of all the places you will go today and the people you will meet. Ask God for opportunities to bring a touch of the kingdom into those places: peace where there is anxiety, freedom where there is captivity, truth where there is confusion, and love where there is apathy or hatred.

Thursday 5 November

THE SPIRIT MADE VISIBLE

One Spirit, many gifts

Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4–11, 28; 14:1–3; 14:29–32; Romans 12:6-8

Three times in three verses Paul says "the same": the same Spirit, the same Lord, the same God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit are at work through the diversity of gifts, service and activity within the church. The Spirit is invisible, and he makes his presence evident through the gifts he gives to ordinary believers.

His manifestations include wisdom and knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous powers, prophecy, discernment, tongues and interpretation. Paul's other lists add teaching, serving, encouraging, giving, leading, mercy, helping and administration. Public and behind-the-scenes expressions of gifting come from the same Spirit, and a gift of administration is as much his work as a word of prophecy. Healing and miracles are expressions of God's mercy through which people encounter his compassion and Jesus is revealed.

The Spirit gives to each one as he determines. No one possesses every gift, and no member of the body is unnecessary. The gifts are grace entrusted for the strengthening of others, which is why Paul says, "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit." Love gives every gift its direction.

Desire is joined to discernment. Prophetic words are weighed by others in the church and tested against scripture and the character of Christ. Humility allows us to step out in faith, receive correction and keep Jesus at the centre.

The same Spirit who lives within us makes Jesus visible through us.

RESPONSE

- Ask the Spirit what gift or act of service he may want you to offer for someone else's strengthening, healing or encouragement, whether publicly or behind the scenes.
- Ask for love, humility, courage and mature discernment to govern every gift.
- Listen without trying to produce anything. Write down what comes, and bring anything significant to trusted leaders to be weighed.

PRAY

Holy Spirit, thank you for working through ordinary people. Awaken the gifts you have distributed among us. Give our leaders courage and wisdom to welcome, weigh and steward them well. Give us all love, humility, courage and discernment. Make Jesus visible as each part serves the others, and let your grace reach our town through the gifts you give.
Amen.

PRAYER POINTS | OUR LEADERS AND TEAMS

Step One. Pray for our two daily prayer points

- Pray for a **new church building**, giving us space to serve our ministries, grow and reach more people with the love of Jesus. Ask God to show us where to look, open the right doors and provide miraculously.
- Pray that we would become a **resource church**, an exceedingly generous church that resources kingdom advance beyond our walls, borders and generations. Ask God to lead us on a journey of faith that sees his kingdom break in and brings us new depths of joy as we give.

Step Two. Pray for our leaders and teams

The same Spirit distributes gifts across the body. Today, we would love you to pray for those who serve in the church, whether in full-time ministry or leading and serving voluntarily in teams.

Please pray:

- For our elders, trustees and staff team: that they would be filled with the Spirit; for encouragement, unity and godly wisdom; for the joy and peace of the Lord; and 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, including small group leaders, ministry leaders, worship leaders and meeting leaders: for a revelation of sonship, that leading would be a joy rather than a burden, and that they would lead knowing they are beloved sons and daughters.
- For all our serving teams: that we would see togetherness and joy in our teams, and that we would radiate the grace, humility and joy of Jesus Christ as we serve.
- For the mobilisation of new leaders and new people joining serving teams, with every person playing their part (Ephesians 4:16).

Friday 6 November

THE SPIRIT SAID

Set apart and sent

Bible reading: Acts 13:1–4; Acts 1:8; Zechariah 4:6; Psalm 29:3-9

Half Night of Prayer
8pm-Midnight
At King's

At Antioch, the church was worshipping and fasting when the Holy Spirit spoke. They ministered to the Lord, made room to listen and offered themselves to whatever he might say.

The Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." The church received the word together, continued fasting and praying, laid hands on Barnabas and Saul and sent them. A listening church became a sending church, and the gospel moved towards the nations.

We cannot fulfil Christ's mission through strength, resources or activity alone. "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit." Jesus promised power for a purpose: "You will be my witnesses." The God whose voice thunders over the waters still speaks and leads his people.

We listen with scripture open, Christ at the centre and a willingness to discern together. The Spirit sets apart particular people for particular work, and he sends the whole church to bear witness to Jesus and demonstrate the compassionate power of his kingdom in word and deed.

Today, prepare for the Half Night of Prayer as the church gathers before God. If your health permits, fast during the day and make room to seek the Lord. Come this evening ready to worship, wait, repent, listen and obey, and be before him together. Bring God your attention, your availability and your yes.

RESPONSE

- Ask what might prevent you from hearing or obeying the Spirit: hurry, fear, fixed plans or reluctance to be sent.
- Name the people, places and areas of influence God has already entrusted to you, and offer him your availability.
- Prepare for the Half Night of Prayer by fasting if your health permits, removing distractions and asking God to search your heart. Pray that we will worship deeply, wait patiently, repent honestly, hear clearly, discern humbly and obey courageously.

PRAY

Holy Spirit, as we worship and fast, make us attentive to your voice. Deliver us from activity without dependence and prayer without expectation. Do it again, Lord: revive your people and awaken our town. Set apart those you are calling, show us where you are sending us and give us courage to obey. Empower us to bear witness to Jesus in our town and among the nations. Make us a listening, discerning and sending church. We give you our attention, our availability and our yes.
Amen.

PRAYER POINTS | OUR NATION AND THE NATIONS

Step One. Pray for our two daily prayer points

- Pray for a **new church building**, giving us space to serve our ministries, grow and reach more people with the love of Jesus. Ask God to show us where to look, open the right doors and provide miraculously.
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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.

Saturday 7 November

FAN INTO FLAME

Steward what you have received

Bible reading: 2 Timothy 1:6–7, 14; 1 Peter 4:10–11; Colossians 4:17; Philippians 1:6

Paul tells Timothy to fan into flame the gift of God. The gift is already given and the fire is already lit, but a flame must be tended. We learn to steward spiritual gifts through prayer, practice, courage, correction and faithful use.

The Spirit God has given us brings power, love and self-discipline. Power without love can wound. Love without courage can remain inactive. Self-discipline helps us tend what God has given rather than allowing it to lie neglected. Faithful stewardship depends on the Holy Spirit who lives in us, enabling us to guard what we have received.

Peter says that each person should use whatever gift they have received to serve others as a faithful steward of God's grace. What God gives you is grace to be stewarded for others. Your words, hospitality, generosity, leadership, mercy, intercession and Spirit-given abilities become ways his grace can reach another person.

Grace received carries responsibility. Paul urged Archippus, "See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord."

The Week of Prayer ends, but the same Spirit remains, and his work among us is not finished. He is faithful to complete what he has begun in us.

Keep drinking. Keep listening. Keep serving. Keep asking for his kingdom to be demonstrated in salvation, healing, freedom and transformed lives.

Fan into flame what he has given you, establish rhythms that sustain prayer and obedience, and let the life received from Christ continue to flow through you.

RESPONSE

- Write down what the Spirit has stirred, revealed or entrusted to you this week.
- Name any gift or act of obedience you have neglected because of fear, comparison or delay. Ask for power, love and self-discipline.
- Choose one rhythm of prayer, fasting, listening or obedient service to continue beyond this week. Tell someone who can pray with you and encourage you to follow it through.

PRAY

Holy Spirit, thank you for all you have given. Forgive us for the gifts we have neglected, the fears that have kept us small and the times we have settled for less than your purposes. Fan into flame what you have placed within us, and help us steward it faithfully. Keep us hungry, dependent and obedient. Continue your work among us, and let your saving, healing and transforming grace flow through us into our town, our nation and the nations.
Amen.

PRAYER POINTS | OUTREACH AND SOCIAL ACTION

Step One. Pray for our two daily prayer points

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Step Two. Pray for our outreach and 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 ministries that 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.
  - **Youth Outreach:** a developing ministry, in partnership with TLG (Transforming Lives for Good), to reach out with the gospel and the love of Jesus into schools and among young people of our town.

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