

Saturday 3 June

“The fruit of the Spirit is... self-control...” (Gal 5.23)

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives.” (1 Tim 2.1f)

We pray for political and military leaders, especially those who bear the terrifying responsibility for nuclear weapons. Give them self-control and wisdom, and help them to make peace their highest and most urgent goal.

Sunday 4 June Pentecost

“Against such things there is no law.” (Gal 5.23)

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me... He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners... to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour” (Luke 4.18f)

There *should* be no law against peacemaking, but in many parts of the world peacemakers are criticised, accused or even imprisoned. We pray for all such people; we thank you for their courage and we pray that their actions will bear good fruit. We pray their vindication and release, wherever in the world they are.

Thank you for joining in the Christian CND “Thy Kingdom Come” prayer campaign, but please don’t stop at Pentecost! Keep on praying until our prayers are answered. Remember John 1.5:

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



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THY KINGDOM COME

A daily prayer guide for all Christian peacemakers from the Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

Especially for 25 May – 4 June 2017

This year, between Ascension Day and Pentecost, communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ.

Prayer events of all shapes and sizes will take place across the 10 days, including 24/7 prayer rooms, prayer days, prayer walks and half-nights of prayer. Cathedrals, churches and other venues will host Beacon Events, gathering people across towns and cities to worship and to pray for the empowering of the Holy Spirit for effective witness.

You can read more about this initiative at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>, including a short introductory video by Archbishop Justin Welby.

Christian CND is joining in this initiative and praying “Thy Kingdom Come”. We believe that His Kingdom is one of justice and peace. And we don’t believe that the possession or threatened use of nuclear weapons is compatible with that vision.

Pentecost was when the **Holy Spirit** came upon the early Christian believers gathered in Jerusalem (Acts 2). Later, St Paul also became a Christian and was added to their number. Paul wrote to the churches in Galatia about the fruits of that Holy Spirit who had been so marvellously poured out upon the believers at Pentecost (Galatians 5). Our prayers for these days are based on his words in this chapter.

May the Holy Spirit bless you and fill you with hope as we offer these prayers together...



Thursday 25 May *Ascension Day*

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery”. (Gal 5.1)

We ask God for the freedom to believe that the world can, and will, be better. Make us free from the enslaving burden of our own disappointments and pessimism. Make us free from the assumptions which our modern British culture can embed in us. Make us free from the fear of challenging the status quo. May the ascended Christ send us power from heaven to do his work without fear.

Friday 26 May *St Bede*

“The fruit of the Spirit is love...” (Gal 5.22)

“Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister” (1 John 4.21)

Lord, it sounds so obvious that threatening others with our weapons of mass destruction is not a loving thing to do. So why is that message not getting through to all Christians, and all people of good will? We still believe that love is the greatest power in the universe; by the power of your Spirit help us to put that into practice.

Saturday 27 May

“The fruit of the Spirit is... joy...” (Gal 5.22)

“There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (Luke 15.10)

What joy there will be, in heaven and on earth, when nuclear weapons are finally banned and eliminated. May the anticipation of that joy motivate us and keep us positive, and inspire those we meet to seek it also. And may each step along the way also bring joy, as we press towards the vision God has given us.

Sunday 28 May

“The fruit of the Spirit is... peace...” (Gal 5.22)

“Peace is not merely the absence of war but the presence of justice, of law, of order...” (Albert Einstein)

“Attempts to sustain peace through the threat of indiscriminate mass destruction could not be further from the peace to which Christ calls us.” (Moderator of the Church of Scotland)

Yes, Lord. We believe peace is possible, through your power. Peace and wholeness – shalom. Shalom, shalom, shalom. Amen.

Monday 29 May *Spring Bank Holiday*

“The fruit of the Spirit is... patience...” (Gal 5.22)

“Love... always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres” (1 Cor 13.7)

Many of us have lived our whole lives under the shadow of “the Bomb”. It is forty-seven long years since the Non-Proliferation Treaty entered into force, committing the nuclear powers to the elimination of their arsenals. Give us patience, even as we cry out “how long, O Lord? How long?”

Tuesday 30 May

“The fruit of the Spirit is... kindness...” (Gal 5.22)

“The enemy has begun to employ a new and most cruel bomb, the power of which to do damage is, indeed, incalculable, taking the toll of many innocent lives.” (Emperor Hirohito, addressing the Japanese people, 14 August 1945)

Great kindness, or great cruelty. Light, or darkness. Love, or hatred. We cannot espouse both sides. We must make a choice. May we choose kindness at every level of our lives, and may our leaders do the same.

Wednesday 31 May *The visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth*

“The fruit of the Spirit is... goodness...” (Gal 5.22)

“Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!” (Luke 1.45)

Goodness – the simplest, purest of the Fruits of the Spirit. What does it mean? We see it in the simple faith of Mary, visiting her cousin Elizabeth in the hill country of Judea as they both awaited their miraculous babies. Help us to hold onto that simple faith, that if we obey God’s calling in our lives, he will take care of the rest. Even when going into dark places like discussing nuclear weapons, let our simple goodness shine for all to see.

Thursday 1 JUNE

“The fruit of the Spirit is... faithfulness...” (Gal 5.22)

“Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” (Heb 11.1)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father...
Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Thomas O Chisholm



Help us never to give up our struggle for a world free of nuclear weapons, just as you never give up on us, Lord.

Friday 2 June

“The fruit of the Spirit is... gentleness...” (Gal 5.23)

“The very first step in nonviolence is that we cultivate in our daily life, as between ourselves, truthfulness, humility, tolerance, loving kindness.” (Gandhi)

Let our methods, as Christians and peacemakers, speak for themselves. Jesus was known for his gentleness, but he never compromised, and he changed the world. Help us to follow in our Lord’s footsteps.