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Prayer of Adoration

- O lord we come to you this morning in wonder and amazement at your abundance and generosity in your
 provision of everything we need. We cannot explain why you are, we cannot conceive of the size of your bounty,
 we cannot even describe to our friends and family the slightest idea of who you are or what you do for us.
- All we can do Lord is to sing our praises of your goodness in once more bringing the harvest home, all we can do
 Lord is to Glorify your name in our worship, all we can do Lord is to tell your stories of the great things you have
 done through your Son Jesus Christ and by your Holy Spirit.
- O Lord at his Autumn time of the year we celebrate the harvest of the produce from the land and from the sea, we
 also celebrate your Kingdom incarnation and how you harvest souls from each generation and throughout time,
 how in each newborn baby the seed of your love is planted and in some nurtured and in some a rich harvest is
 fulfilled.
- Lord we praise your Kingdom, we praise you as Jesus and we praise you as Holy Spirit.
- · We Praise you in the name of our Saviour Jesus
- Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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- · Gracious God,
- We offer you those times when the thought of being inconvenienced
- Has prevented us from responding to the needs of others.
- We bring before you those we have looked away from
- · Those we didn't notice, those we didn't listen to.
- The times when our busy agenda means we have hidden behind our responsibilities and passed you by on the other side.

- · Forgive us,
- And grant us the compassion of the Good Samaritan.
- · That in giving, we may also receive from you,
- · And be blessed by the all-inclusive love
- · That Jesus came to proclaim and embody.
- · We pray in his name., Amen

The Lord's Prayer Words (traditional)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If we confess our sins,

God is faithful and just

And will forgive our sins

And cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hear the words of Grace

Our sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,

For ever and ever.

Amen.

Prayer of Thanks

We have many things to thank you for Lord, but in our hearts, we give thanks for your wondrous Grace. That you came into this world as a human being content that you would bear the weight and pain of Crucifixion so we would be set free from the power of sin and evil to corrupt and destroy our lives. We thank you Lord that in that moment of desolation in the Garden of tears you turned defeat to a glorious victory when you broke out from the cave where you had been entombed into the glorious triumphant victory of Life over Death, of Light over Darkness, of creation over desolation.

Yes, Lord we thank you because you are who you are. We thank you for you love and we respond to you in Love. Life without you is not life but death, Life with you is Life in the Holy Spirit, Life with you is to live in the Kingdom of Heaven. Yes Lord, we thank you, for all your goodness and for all you are.

We thank you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

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Luke 9:1-6

New International Version

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

9 When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ³ He told them: "Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. ⁴ Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. ⁵ If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." ⁶ So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

Luke 10:1-11

New International Version

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two^[a] others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

- ⁵ "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.
- ⁸ "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.'

PG 1 - INTRODUCTION

Preaching THE WORD

Why would

follower of

Jesus Christ?

anyone want to be a Is it because the see in us his followers something they want

Is it because they can get a better life

Is it because they see in us the image of God

Is it because there is security in following Jesus

Is it because they see that becoming a follower of Jesus takes the world closer to salvation or freedom from fear

In reality why would anyone want to be a follower of Jesus on the evidence of what they see

Yet we have a story to tell of eternal life, of salvation, of freedom from fear, of a peace which passes all understanding and a justice which is universal and pure in heart

We have a picture to paint of the Kingdom of Heaven or if you prefer the

This picture of the Kingdom, where Jesus is King, where there is freedom from fear, where everyone is equal in the sight of the King, where there is plenty for all, where there is no mental Health problems, where sickness and disease have been defeated, where all governments respect their citizens and serve them as true and faithful servants

A kingdom where avarice and selfishness are no more, where bribery and corruption have been eradicated and where evil has been defeated in the final victory. Where personal kindness and love have replaced hatred and violence

This is the Kingdom of Heaven which we offer to everyone we meet in the

A kingdom where want I want for myself is is put to one side and replaced with what can I do for the people of this world.

This is the kingdom we seek

So on a National Basis?

So what is the problem? or rather the problems

is the future of the world good

are we damaging what God has given us to the point of destruction

Do we kill each other with our wars and desire for power

are we spreading diseases that have the capability to destroy all of humanity So what about our world

> Are we confident in those who have the power that they will deliver what the world needs

Are we concerned that humanity is growing in number to a point where the earth cannot support us all adequately

are we happy with our country?

What about the grooming of women and children in order that drug barons and men of evil can line their pockets with Gold and

what about the assistance for the poor

what about the fear of women to walk our streets

what about the failures of our police to act properly

what about the reluctance of government agencies to identify what is wrong and put it right

what about the corruption in public life

POINT 1A

So we have to convince folk there is a problem that needs to be solved.

POINT 1B

do you know people who are suffering

do you know people whose lives are a mess

do you know people who are suffering with their mental health

do you know people who are suffering injustice because of the colour of their skin or their birth parents, their gender their disability

what about your family,

So we have to convince folk there is a problem that needs to be solved.

I could go on and on and so could you.

So on a personal basis

we are not doom and gloom merchants but we do believe in a better world, a world where freedom from fear, justice and peace

we do believe that each and every individual human being can enter into this kingdom , to day right now and they will know that love for themselves right away.

This is the story we have to tell, a story of inspiration, a story of love, a story of forgiveness and baptism, a new start for all.

POINT 2

Hidden treasure in a field, sell everything and buy the field

the pearl merchant who found a great pearl and sold everything so he could buy it

you see Jesus tells us the kingdom of heaven is so marvellous that people will give anything to own it to be a part of it.

He creates the story, the dream for people to desire, to seek, and never to give up

when people commit to following Jesus they are immediately welcomed into the Kingdom, his Kingdom

when we enter into his kingdom a healing takes place. Mental health improves, people lose their fears, they experience a peace and joy which is beyond description or imagination

This is the truth but it begs another question?

So what does Jesus have to say about the

POINT 3

do we believe it? so here the real question, how strong is our faith?

You see Methodism in the 18th century contributed to real change in our society

because people were Methodists they were regarded as special people

they were trustworthy, hard working, kind, generous.

they helped save people from alcoholism, poverty, prison, and so much more $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$

the preaching of John Wesley was part of a call for change brought about by many Christian folk that led to the abolition of slavery. a reduction on alcoholism and addiction

Aneurin Bevan who founded the NHS was brought up in a welsh mining family where his Dad was a Baptist and his Mum a Methodist

Lord Soper A Methodist who throughout his life preached salvation from addiction, abolition of nuclear weapons, he was a pacifist andwas deeply concerned with the political implications of the Christian Gospel

I myself can bear witness to a young man who has turned to Jesus and as a consequence he is see, day by day, his acute schizophrenia become less and less uncontrollable and who is losing his fear of the dark places of his mind,

Yes we believe, yes we have faith, yes we have a story to tell in our own language in our own words - a story of the power of Jesus to change everything

yes we can offer folk that if they change the way they think, if they are able to commit to change in their hearts and brains that they will be welcome in the kingdom - where they will know the Peace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, where they will learn the love of Jesus and where they will lose their fear of the dark.

And yes in becoming a follower of the way, they will take the world closer to realising the wonderful day when Jesus will reign supreme over all

And so where does all this talk leave us this morning, what is the direction we need to travel in as a consequence?

CONCLUSION

I believe I have answered the question like this, If people knew about the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, if people understood about the true secret meaning of the Kingdom then they would seek it is the highest priority in their lives.

If they understood how close they stand to the kingdom they would demand admittance.

If they were knocking at the gate they would do whatever it takes to gain admittance.

They would realise as the seek the kingdom for themselves, their families and their friends and for all the citizens of the world, that they need to change the way they think. They need to review those founding values on which they base their lives. They would realise that Jesus is the source of life, life eternal, and that by following him they enter into the Kingdom and are healed and they find peace and justice and freedom from fear because God is good.

And so we need to live out the joy of the Kingdom in our lives, to tell people the stories of the Glory of Jesus Christ and to sew the seeds of the Kingdom once more in the hearts and minds of men, women and children everywhere.

so the Kingdom will grow again, like good seed sewn on fertile ground, like yeast in the dough, like the mustard tree

and so once more we are in the presence of the Risen Jesus and our land is indeed the Kingdom of Heaven and each of us walks with Jesus in his green pastures. Amen

My opening question was: Why would anyone want to be a follower of

Jesus Christ?

INTERCESSIONS

Introduction

We Pray for The church/ Kingdom

O God - our inspiration and Lord, grant us the help of your Spirit in our prayers for the salvation of all people.

We pray for all the Church throughout the world, for this church and all its members, and for those who know your kingdom through the Holy Spirit even though they may be divided from your church.

We pray in faith and unity we may be renewed by your holy spirit to seek your kingdom

and to inspire others to always seek your kingdom and son come to know you face to face.

We pray that we the Church of the people called Methodists who have gathered together here this morning at St Lukes, join with our Methodist brothers and sister in Christ in North Kent, that we unite in seeking the kingdom for all our community in Kent and encouraging everyone we meet every day to join with us in seeking a better way of life for the world, for our country and for us as individuals.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY

INTERCESSIONS (Cont'd)

for for those people who are inflicted with fear and anxiety, who suffer oppression and who are threatened by hunger, sickness, violence, war or the knock at the door...

We pray for People of the world

We pray that there governments may fulfil the responsibilites of power by protecting, feeding, providing for and securing peace and justice for their people.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY

we pray for those in authority and influence

We lift up to you the problems that they are trying to resolve, the IN Protocol negotiations with the EU which can have a direct effect on peace in IN, the shortages of people to fulfill vital jobs, Doctors, Lorry drivers, people serving the supply chain of food and basic requirements

We pray for the shortages of material and power, the problems in Gas supply, in building materials and so many other things

We pray for our Leadership of the upcoming Climate conference in Scotland that our leadership shall be humble, inspiring and set forward your will for salvation of the world from climate change

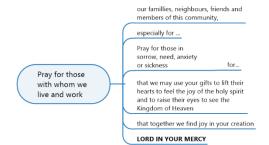
Lord we pray that we all may serve one another serve one another in ...

wisdom, honesty and compassion

LORD IN YOUR MERCY

We Pray for Our Country

INTERCESSIONS (Cont'd)



We pray for those
who Mourn or
remember in their
hearts and minds
those loved ones
who have blessed
their lives -

INTERCESSIONS (Cont'd)

In you Father we are one family on earth and in the Kingdom, we remember on your presence those who have died in your service or are persecuted because of their love for you wherever they are or whenever they face pain for your love

We give thanks especially for those who have revealed to us your Grace in Christ

Helps us to follow the exampkle these Saints in light and bring us with them to the fullness of your eternal joy.

We pray in the names of Jesus Christ our Saviour **AMEN**

BLESSING.

Go, and know that the Lord goes with you: let him lead you each day into the quiet places of your heart, where he will speak with you;

know that he loves you and watches over you, that he listens to you in gentle understanding, that he is with you always, wherever you are and however you may feel:

and the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be ours for ever and ever.

Amen.