



Kendal Prayer Guide 28th to 29th November 2020

You will need a Bible, pen/pencils and paper

Take some time of silence before you start to become more aware of God's presence and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your prayers. You may want to play or sing a worship song.

Preparation: As we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus, ask God to prepare our hearts to welcome Him in new and deeper ways at this time.

Pray Psalm 139 v23+24 You may want to write down any anxieties or burdens that you've been carrying and hand them over to God, asking for His peace to dwell in your heart.

Read Hosea Ch 6 v3

Pause for thought God of birth, we watch in anticipation, scared of pain and risk, the unpredictability of new life emerging and our capacity to cope. Be with us as we prepare for your coming.

Expectation: We have an expectation of the coming of God's Kingdom in our churches and in our communities. We've often had tastes of this kingdom and continue to pray Your Kingdom Come

Read Matthew 13 v31-34

Give Thanks For all the signs of the Kingdom of God in Kendal and the surrounding villages. All the life in our church families and the initiatives across our area that demonstrate the love of God in action. Give thanks for any relationships and connections where we can see Him at work.

Ask for God's Kingdom to increase and grow in our churches and communities. You may want to name people and situations that come to mind. Write or draw these on paper and put them somewhere prominent so you can continue to pray for them.

Pause for thought: God of the future, we watch in hope of your coming, anticipating an unknown future, expectant with the promises of freedom, not sure what form it will take. Be with us as we await the increase of Your Kingdom with courage and hope. *(adapted from Jan Berry)*

Waiting: Jesus we are waiting for you to come, to bring health for the sick, welcome for the unwelcomed, comfort for those in loss, light for those in darkness, freedom for prisoners. We are waiting for you to come into our houses, our streets, our shops and workplaces. *(adapted from John Davies)*

Pause for thought: Waiting in Hebrew means "writhing in the pain of giving birth" or "whirling in the air in a dance" Both require incredible resolve to reach an intended end. *(B. Johnson)*

Ask For the grace to be waiting actively, like the virgins with the oil, and not lose heart or become distracted

Pray Maranatha, Come