

When Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer, he taught it as a model or pattern for prayer. So today, instead of simply saying it right through in one go, we're going to use it as the structure for our own personal prayers – personal, but in a way praying together.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

And so we start with praise:

Glory be to the Father, who has made me and all that is around me;

Glory be to the Son, who lived and died for mankind;

Glory be to the Spirit, who fills us with hope and new life.

In a moment of quiet, let us just sit in the presence of Almighty God

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

We thank you for churches reopening across our own country, for those who have rediscovered faith during lockdown, those who have started to attend worship for the first time in years via online services. For all you have taught and are teaching the church: **Thy kingdom come.**

The kingdom of God is about justice. Think for moment of a particular aspect of injustice in society, and hold it in your mind in God's presence (*silence*) **Thy kingdom come.**

Give us this day our daily bread

For some people, that daily bread will be strength to cope with pain or anxiety. Pray for people you know who need strength, comfort or peace of mind right now. And as you think of each one, for each one say the words 'Give us this day our daily bread' (*silence*) **Give us this day our daily bread.**

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us

Thank God for his offer of forgiveness, freely given. Let's pray for anyone we don't find easy to get on with, asking God to bless them.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Thinking of Martha's words last week, that temptations tend to fall into three categories of pleasure, wealth or fame, we pray for world leaders. All facing these temptations in great measure.

Think of different leaders and nations and for each one say 'Lord, lead us not into temptation'. (*silence*)

And finally we pray for ourselves, that we may become more fully person that God created us to be, and that his Spirit will burn ever more freely within us.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.