

# LAUNCH



## Thy Kingdom Come 2

Welcome to another Launch at home! This is the second week exploring what “Thy Kingdom Come” is and what it means for us.



First, I would like you to think about power sources. Where do we get the power to run electrical items or keep warm? How many different sources can you list?

Now think about yourself. Where do you get the power to walk, talk, run about?

Today’s session is about a different ‘power source’ that can ‘power’ humans – The Holy Spirit. Christians believe that the Holy Spirit empowers them in many ways, including guiding them and directing them to change their behaviour and thoughts.

Now watch this video clip, narrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is a real-life example of how prayer, coupled with the help of the Holy Spirit, can bring significant and lasting change to people's lives. <https://vimeo.com/214155802>

One of the purposes of the initiative is for us to pray for more people around the world to encounter Jesus and experience the hope, love, and forgiveness that we find in Him. Also explain, that it is the Holy Spirit that warms people’s hearts and makes them more open to responding to Jesus and, for those who do respond, helps bring about change in their lives.



Watch this video. The speaker is Shane Claiborne. Shane is a Christian author and activist who is one of the founding members of 'The Simple Way', a group of Christians who have intentionally planted themselves in a community in North Philadelphia, USA, in order to share the love of Jesus with others in practical ways - their activities include planting gardens, running a store and feeding people who are hungry. In the video, Shane talks about the time he spent with Mother Teresa (1910-1997), also known as St Teresa of Calcutta, who was famous during the last century for her service to the poor in India.

<https://vimeo.com/259712132>

What do you think that Shane means about 'Jesus filling us with Himself'?

What do you think he meant about leaving "fragrance everywhere I go."?

2 Corinthians 2: 15 says: Through us, he brings knowledge of Christ. Everywhere we go, people breathe in the exquisite fragrance. Because of Christ, we give off a sweet scent rising to God, which is recognized by those on the way of salvation—an aroma redolent with life. (The Message)

The fragrance is an image of the Holy Spirit filling Christians and going with them wherever they go and affecting other people just as they would smell a sweet fragrance. Think of the life Jesus lived that we have studied and how his life affected others for good. That is the examples that Christians, with the help of the Holy Spirit, try to follow.



### Reflection

This is a song and prayer written especially for Thy Kingdom Come:

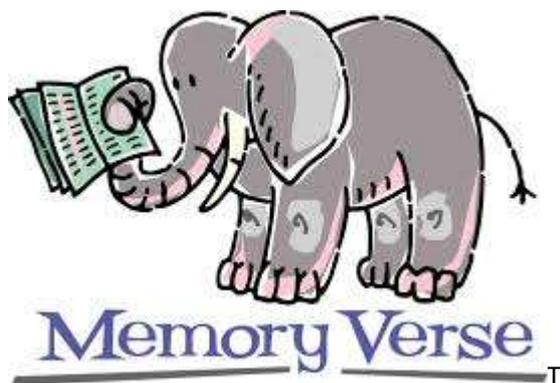
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-iLm8Bknfc>.

As you listen write down the names of at least 5 people who you would like to get to know Jesus better – pray for these people every day.

Pray the following prayers in the morning as you get up and at night before you go to bed:

Morning – Dear God, please help me to listen to your Holy Spirit to help guide me today. Amen.

Evening – Dear God, thank you for this day. Please help me to sleep well and to wake happily in the morning. Amen.



The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you. (John 14:26)

You might like to make a pop-up card and put this verse on a card in the middle

<https://tinkerlab.com/simple-diy-pop-up-cards-for-creative-kids/> Perhaps you could put pictures of your card on our Facebook page!

Let us know how you get on with this.

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