

Thy Kingdom Come 2021

Prayer Walking is one of the ways, it is suggested, that churches can get involved with Thy Kingdom Come. In 2019 I Prayer Walked just about all the streets in the parish, using my "Prayer for the Parish" on each one, including various institutions and specific locations. I am not so good at walking now, and could only walk a few streets near where I live. Perhaps church members could Prayer Walk their own and adjoining streets, using my 'Prayer for the Parish' (below), or their own prayer? — *Derek Burton*

A Prayer for the Parish

Father God, we do not know the people who live in this street, but you know them. You know all about them. You created them in your image, to love and to serve you, to bring them to the knowledge of salvation through faith in your beloved Son, Jesus. Some may be sad, lonely, sick in body, mind or spirit, guilty about the past, fearful for the future, and some may be self-satisfied. You long to make yourself known to them, because you love them and want what is best for each one. As members of your church, the body of Christ, you call us to pray for the people who live in our parish, and to go on praying for them. We were ourselves once lost and without hope in the world until we met your Son, and have been transformed by Him. What we have experienced we long to pass on to others so that they may have the same joy that we have, and come to worship you in the fellowship of your church. We ask that your Holy Spirit will enlighten their hearts and minds, that their eyes will be opened to the truth of the Gospel, that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen