Thy Kingdom Come in the Workplace
Confident disciples at work

• As part of our LIFE strategy, Gloucester Diocese aim to “nurture confident Christians to live out their faith seven days a week”.

• For many Christians, the hardest place for them to live out their Christian faith is in their secular workplaces.

• Secular workplaces also provide one of the greatest opportunities for evangelism through close relationship.
Thy Kingdom Come 2019

As part of Thy Kingdom Come 2019, we are proposing to encourage Christians to engage with their workplace in kingdom prayer.

We can suggest a variety of activities they could carry out in their workplaces.

Some activities may be more appropriate to individual Christian business owners, some for individuals in large companies who may subsequently form lasting Christian Workplace Groups.

To provide focus, we propose that one day in the week should be publicised **Bless the Workplace, Wednesday 5th June 2019**.
Creative prayer activities

- There are many ways in which Christians could engage in Thy Kingdom Come in their workplace.
- Running more creative activities can increase engagement, including sometimes those without faith, and can be a more visible witness.
- Most of these activities need some level of preparation but are fairly easy to run.
- Christians in larger organisations will need to check that Human Resources are comfortable with the activity.
Lasting prayer groups

- One of the key opportunities we have is to help with the development of Christian Workplace Groups in large companies.
- We are already supporting the work of Transform Work UK and LICC, and we can partner with them to take hold of these opportunities.
Activity 1 - Bring to the cross

**Purpose:** prayer for God’s kingdom to come in all aspects of the organisation.

**What to do:**
- take a large piece of paper and draw a cross outline on it.
- write the words on the cross as indicated in the blue boxes.
- pray that God’s kingdom would come in each of these areas, with specific prayers for that organisation.
Activity 2 – Prayer map

**Purpose:** prayer for God’s kingdom to come in the company as part of the organisation.

**What to do:**
- take a large map of the UK or territory that the organisation operates in.
- use post-its to add details of each smaller area or office e.g. leaders, products, customers, suppliers
- pray for God’s kingdom to come in these areas.
Activity 3 – Physical model

**Purpose:** prayer for God’s kingdom to come in specific departments of the company, a welcoming of the Holy Spirit in all areas of the building.

**What to do:**
- build a rough physical model of the company or part of the company. For example, head office, school, the factory, or the outlets.
- this could for example be made from cardboard boxes, Lego or plastic bottles.
- pray in turn for each part of the company represented by the model
- pray for the people who work there, their activities and the suppliers and customers.
- pray that God’s kingdom would come in each of these areas.
Activity 4 – Prayer mailbox

**Purpose:** engage with colleagues in the company and pray for their concerns as a basis for God’s kingdom to come in their area.

**What to do:**
- set up a post box in a public area of the organisation e.g. coffee area
- ask staff to write prayers for the company, challenges and hopes, as specific as they want but no individual names
- open the box in a meeting and use the messages as a basis for prayer that God’s kingdom will come in the workplace.
Activity 5 – Annual report

**Purpose:** pray for the organisation and the people in the various parts of the organisation in a relevant manner.

**What to do:**
- take a copy of the company’s annual report and take it in turns to read the executive summary aloud.
- on a large piece of paper or whiteboard, write down items for prayer e.g. aspects of the company, changes implemented or planned.
- then pray for each of these points in turn, that God’s kingdom would come in each of these areas.
Activity 6 – Something free

**Purpose:** illustrate God’s free grace by providing something free which people would usually pay for.

**What to do:**
- decide what you can give away free.
- one example: before colleagues come to work, pay for everyone’s first coffee of the day - put up a notice explaining that this is a free gift from the Christians at the company and explain that this illustrates God’s free gift of salvation.
- other examples could be free consultancy, or coaching for customers or suppliers. Again with an explanation about grace.
Activity 7 – Prayer walk

**Purpose:** pray for business people in the business areas that they work in.

**What to do:**
- walk around the building where the organisation is based and stop for prayer at a number of points, for larger companies this may be each department.
- pray for what you see, either silently or carefully aloud - maybe take a banner which says “pray with us here” and invite people to join in.