



# Come Lord Jesus

As we approach this next 24 hours of prayer we come with expectancy and hearts that want to meet with Jesus in a new and exciting way. One of the earliest recorded prayers of the Church is the Aramaic word Maranatha, which literally means, 'Come, Lord Jesus'. We will use this phrase as we prepare ourselves. Find a space that is quiet and allows you to really focus as you pray. Pause for a moment and repeat this ancient prayer several times slowly:

## **Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus.**

Turning my attention to focus on my own heart, I ask you Lord to make me aware of sinful thoughts, words or deeds in my life. Trying not to justify them or become overwhelmed by how this makes me feel I simply acknowledge them now before You, Lord, in the full knowledge that you know me and love me. As I invite Jesus to forgive me and strengthen me in areas of weakness I pray for my own life:

## **Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus.**

And now I turn my thoughts to think of someone who needs Christ's love today. It could be a family member, a friend or a neighbour. I thank you for them as I name them before You and pray for them:

## **Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus.**

Next, I think about my own local church family and thank you for them. The last year has been a rollercoaster of emotions and I acknowledge where I have struggled to adjust to all the changes. At this time I think of the activities and services we have planned in this Easter season, whether they are in person or online, and I pray, again for us at MCBC:

## **Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus.**

Finally, I think of a place in the world right now that desperately needs Your comfort, and I pray for that place, that situation, those people:

## **Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus.**

We long to meet with you Lord as we know that you are everything we need. Help lift our eyes over the next 24 hours away from the everyday and help us to see the world and the people in it through your eyes. Help us to still our hearts so we hear from you and speak to us through your word, in pictures and through whatever means you desire. We long to meet you...

## **Maranatha.**

May the Christ who loved us enough to die for our sins draw near to us this Easter. Thank You, Jesus, that You rose again in power and are coming again in glory.

## **Maranatha.**

We long for You to return and make all things new. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for filling my life.

## **Maranatha.**

May the Lord Jesus Christ meet me as he did those first disciples today that my faith might increase.

**Amen.**