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YOUR KINGDOM COME: THE MISSION OF PRAYER


The Lord's Prayer (3)

- ▶ Our Father in Heaven - **relationship**
- ▶ Hallowed Be Your Name - **reverence**
- ▶ Your Kingdom Come - **request**

9. Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
10. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:9 -10

- ▶ **What Does Jesus Mean By: “The Kingdom”?**
Basileia - to rule, reign or sovereign authority



A kingdom exists wherever the king is obeyed. If a king has a throne but no one obeys him, he does not truly have a kingdom. But wherever people gladly submit to his authority, his kingdom is present.

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Jesus teaches us to pray, "Your kingdom come."

We need to pray that more and more hearts, lives, families and communities would come under the loving rule of God because the kingdom comes, it appears and is revealed where the King is obeyed.

The kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe the gospel.

Mark 1:15

The kingdom of the world has become
the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

Revelation 11:15

- ▶ We are praying inwardly:
“Lord, reign more fully in my own life.”
- ▶ We are praying outwardly:
“Lord, let Your reign become visible in the world around us.”
- ▶ And we are praying forward in time:
“Lord, bring history to that moment when Your reign is fully revealed.”

The Kingdom's Small Beginnings

Jesus helped His disciples understand something important about the way this kingdom grows.

In Matthew 13:31-32 He told them the kingdom is like a mustard seed. In verse 33 He says it is like yeast. It begins quietly, gradually, invisibly and seems insignificant. It grows steadily.

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- ▶ **Why This Prayer Comes before Our Needs.**

Seek first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness.

Matthew 6:33

Take My yoke upon you and learn from
Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:29

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- ▶ **The Kingdom is God’s Answer to the Fall**

In the Garden of Eden humanity rejected three fundamental things:

- ▶ God's name was questioned.
- ▶ God's rule was rejected.
- ▶ God's will was disobeyed.

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- ▶ **This Prayer is a Prayer of Surrender**

Jesus is teaching us to surrender control.

“Lord, I acknowledge that my life ultimately belongs under Your authority.”

This surrender has very practical implications for every area of our lives.

- ▶ it affects how we make decisions
- ▶ it affects how we handle money and the stewardship of all God’s resources
- ▶ it affects how we respond to conflict
- ▶ it affects how we define success

The example of this surrender is seen most clearly in Jesus Himself.

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The works that I do he will do also; and
greater works than these he will do.

John 14:12

Whatever you ask in My name,
that I will do.

John 14:13

The kingdom comes because believers pursue the will of the Father.
Jesus never pursued power for its own sake, or His own benefit.

The Son can do nothing of Himself, unless
it is something He sees the Father doing.

John 5:19

I have come down from heaven not to do My
own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 6:38

If you love Me, you will keep
My commandments.

John 14:15

If we ask anything according
to His will, He hears us.

1 John 5:14

“In My name” does not mean a formula, it means **alignment**
with Jesus’ character, authority, and mission.

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- ▶ **Kingdom Power Follows Kingdom Obedience**

They went out and preached everywhere,
while the Lord worked with them and
confirmed the word by the signs that followed.

Mark 16:20

Notice the order, the word was proclaimed, and the signs followed. When the early church prayed for God to move, they did not pray first for miracles, they prayed for boldness to preach the gospel.

▶ **Jesus lived this prayer before He taught it**

This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:17

If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.

Matthew 4:3

The kingdom of God does not come through power miracles.
It comes through **submission** to the Father's will.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

The kingdom of God is not revealed by how much power we display, but by how faithfully we obey the King.

**The kingdom comes
where the King is obeyed**

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- ▶ **Living between D-Day and V-E Day**

- ▶ The cross of Christ was the decisive victory over sin and death.
- ▶ Through His death and resurrection, Jesus defeated the powers of darkness.
- ▶ Yet the world hasn't yet reached the point when that victory is fully visible.
- ▶ We are living between those two moments.

If we endure, we will also reign with Him.

2 Timothy 2:12

They will reign forever and ever.

Revelation 22:5

The obedience we learn now, the character formed in us now, the submission to the Father we practice now, is all preparing us for the day when Christ's kingdom will be fully revealed. The measure to which we allow this preparation to be outworked in us, will affect for all eternity how we rule and reign with Jesus.

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- ▶ **The Kingdom shapes how we live now**

When the kingdom takes root in a person's life, certain changes begin to happen:

- ▶ Pride ought to be diminishing in us, we ought to be becoming more trusting and generous with God's provision as it moves through us.
- ▶ Truth now becomes important because we love and follow the One Who is Truth.
- ▶ We find merciful hearts have replaced our old hearts of stone.

These changes may appear small at first, but they all are signs that God's reign is at work.

Living for a Greater Kingdom

“Your kingdom come.”

- ▶ It is a prayer of hope, because it reminds us that we’re moving toward a moment when Christ’s reign will be fully revealed.
- ▶ It is a prayer of surrender, because it calls us to place our lives back under God’s total, and rightful, authority.
- ▶ It is a prayer of mission, because it connects us to God’s redemptive work of bringing people into His kingdom.

“Your kingdom come.”

The greatest place that the kingdom begins to appear visible is wherever a heart bows before the King and says:

“Father, Your will be done.”

The kingdom of God is revealed wherever the will of God is obeyed.

Let's keep praying:

“Let the King rule in me, be seen through me, and reach others through me.”