



## **Teach us to Pray - The Kingdom is both physical and spiritual**

**Sunday Sermon – 3/16/2025**

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**Matthew 6:9-15 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. 14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**

*Praying the Lord's Prayer is actually a prayer pattern Jesus taught His Disciples and other Believers to follow concerning Prayer. (Matthew 6, Luke 11)*

*Praying like this takes discipline and trust.*

*Jesus's prayer model is Kingdom first, others second, and then us.*

### **Pray for His Kingdom to Come and His Will to be Done**

When we say His Kingdom come, His will be done, we are talking about the Kingdom of God manifesting here on the earth and in us as we are his people, doing his will.

The Kingdom of God and the King of that Kingdom, Jesus Christ, is the New Testament Gospel that Jesus and His disciples preached. **(Mark 1:14-15, Acts 8:12)**

**Luke 12:32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**

We must understand that it is God's will and his pleasure that we receive the fullness of his Kingdom

### **The Kingdom is both physical and spiritual.**

**Luke 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.**

What the Angel Gabriel was prophesying to Mary was that Jesus's Kingdom would be physical and spiritual.

Physical Kingdom of God. **1 Corinthians 15:21-25 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.**

Many struggle because they are surrounded by death and darkness. They encounter people and go to a place that seems right but leads to destruction. **Proverbs 14:12-13 There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death. 13 Laughter can conceal a heavy heart, but when the laughter ends, the grief remains.**

**1 Corinthians 15:23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.**

The Kingdom of God represents territory, governmental rule and reign, and citizens.

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**Revelation 11:15** Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

*Before this physical Kingdom can come into total manifestation, the Kingdom of God, must reside in the hearts of the citizens of that Kingdom, which is born-again believers.*

Spiritual Kingdom of God: **Luke 17:21** "the kingdom of God is within you", This phrase suggests that God's reign and power are not merely a future event but are present in the hearts of believers by the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 14:16-17** Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

*This is why God says in Luke 12:32 "...it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" God is saying seek the Kingdom and leave the provisions up to me.*

The Kingdom of God in spirit (The Holy Spirit) allows us to live a life of peace and confidence, setting us free from daily fears and lust that comes from the curse, our flesh, and ungodly forces.

*Because the earth is cursed because of the sin of Adam and Eve, it is natural for our flesh to want to do things that are not pleasing to God.*

**Ephesians 2:1-3 (NLT)** Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

**1 John 5:19 (NLT)** We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.

*Understanding our rebirth in Christ is essential. When we doubt this conviction, we become vulnerable to temptation, making it easier for the devil to lead us back into the world's deceptive ways. Certainty in being born again strengthens our resolve and keeps us on the path to true life.*

### **The Kingdom manual (The Bible)**

The Kingdom of God has a manual (**The Bible**), it is a guide for its citizens to follow. This guide outlines the mindset of the King, which can have a profound impact on the lives of His followers through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit instills the character, values, and principles of the King (Jesus) that govern the kingdom of God through the knowledge and understanding of this book.

*The quicker we come to the realization that we are in this world but not of this world, the more of a positive impact the Kingdom of God can have in our lives.*

*Being a citizen of the Kingdom of God while trying to live like the world does not work at all.*

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*This is why we have so many unhappy, miserable people in church. They are born again but never switch alliances.*

Too many are still straddling the fence, trying to align themselves with both the kingdom of this world and the kingdom of God.

*The bible sets the standard, it explains that the Kingdom of God is a realm where God reigns supreme with Love.*

The bible lets us know that all citizens are invited to partake in the King's life-giving abundance by embracing the King's character and promises found within it.

*It is the Father's pleasure to give us the Kingdom, which includes but is not limited to:*

1. **\*\*The Principles of the Kingdom of God\*\***:

Most of the church operates according to religion and not according to the Kingdom. Kingdom of God deals with having a relationship with the King (***Jesus Christ***), so that we can carry out the King's agenda and live in His blessings.

Religion is mankind searching for the riches of the Kingdom without having a relationship with the king. *It's only until a person embraces a relationship with the king that they can be on God's Kingdom agenda and live in His blessing.*

Once a person is born again and receives the fullness of the Holy Spirit, they have the Kingdom of God within them.

*The Kingdom of God is marked by God's loving justice. It focuses on being used to being a blessing to others.*

It also acknowledges most of the world's ways of doing things cannot achieve God's agenda; therefore, it forfeits much of God's blessings and limits our standard of living.