

**YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE,
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**

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(start from 56 seconds)



Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against
us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

PRAYER:

*Loving Creator
we honor you, and we honor all that
you have made.
Renew the whole world
in the image of your love.
Give us what we need for today,
and a hunger to see the whole
world fed.
Strengthen us for what lies ahead;
heal us from the hurts of the past;
give us courage to follow your call in
this moment.
For your love is the only power,
the only home, the only honor we
need,
in this world and in the world to
come. Amen*

Such familiar words. Words that help
give shape to our prayers, bring
comfort to our souls and lead us to
greater union with the Father - or at
least that's the hope.

SB:277

THINE is the Kingdom, Lord,
Thou art the King of kings;
Thy realm enfolds the universe
And Heaven its tribute brings;
Though evil forces seem
On earth to hold the sway,
Thy loyal peoples wait in faith
To hail Thy crowning day.

Thine is the power, O Lord,
Nor Heaven nor earth can break;
The oceans move at Thy command,
The stars their courses make.
Thou canst the breath of man
Bestow or canst withhold;
Of all the wonders of Thy power
No tongue has ever told.

Thine is the glory, Lord,
The greatness and the praise,
The final victory over death,
The end of mortal days.
All majesty is Thine,
Beyond the poet's pen,
For Thou art life, and light and love:
Amen, amen, amen!

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. 3 simple statements that pose us a challenge. These words encourage us to lay aside our self-motivations and self-determinations, in recognition of the God of Creation, who in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit is realising his Kingdom on earth, and we (the church) are called into this work of Kingdom building - to be and to bring joy, happiness and delight.

2 Versions of Isaiah 65:17-19

"Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth,
and no one will even think about the old ones anymore.
Be glad; rejoice forever in my creation!
And look! I will create Jerusalem as a place
and delight in my people.
And the sound of weeping and crying
will be heard in it no more.
(New Living Translation)

"Pay close attention now:
I'm creating new heavens and a new earth.
All the earlier troubles, chaos, and pain
are things of the past, to be forgotten.
Look ahead with joy.
Anticipate what I'm creating:
I'll create Jerusalem as sheer joy,
create my people as pure delight.
I'll take joy in Jerusalem,
take delight in my people:
No more sounds of weeping in the city,
no cries of anguish;
of happiness.
Her people will be a source of joy.
I will rejoice over Jerusalem
(The Message)

Early in Jesus' ministry when performing miracles and healings in the power of the Holy Spirit, the religious leaders conspired to kill Jesus because he wasn't keeping the 'law'. In John 5:17-23 we read "But Jesus defended himself. "My Father is working straight through, even on the Sabbath. So am I." That really set them off. The Jews (religious leaders) were now not only out to expose him; they were out to kill him. Not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was calling God his own Father, putting himself on a level with God."

What the Father Does, the Son Does

So Jesus explained himself at length. "I'm telling you this straight. The Son can't independently do a thing, only what he sees the Father doing. What the Father does, the Son does. The Father loves the Son and includes him in everything he is doing. "But you haven't seen the half of it yet, for in the same way that the Father raises the dead and creates life, so does the Son. The Son gives life to anyone he chooses. Neither he nor the Father shuts anyone out. The Father handed all authority to judge over to the Son so that the Son will be honoured equally with the Father. Anyone who dishonours the Son, dishonours the Father, for it was the Father's decision to put the Son in the place of honour.

As disciples of Jesus, accepting him as Saviour and Lord over all our life, we too, through our living relationship with him are to be obedient to the father - to do

only the things revealed to us through him - that we, not just as individuals but as the church, bring glory to the One whose Kingdom, Power and Glory it is!

Your Kingdom Come:

“My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I wouldn’t be handed over to the Judean leaders. But as it is, My kingdom is not from here.” Jn18:36

When we pray ‘your kingdom come’ we pray for something to come that is unfamiliar and unknown, except through the life of Jesus. Jesus presents a world that challenges the norm, that challenges the culture of the world we know and that challenges our understanding of life itself.

When we pray ‘your kingdom come’ we pray that the life of Jesus be born in us and in this world. *“But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect—life in its fullness until you overflow!” Jn 10:10*

If Jesus brings the Kingdom and his kingdom is not of this world, then this world cannot bring this life of abundance beyond expectation and fullness until we overflow. Paul says:

“Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God’s will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.” Romans 12:2

Your Will Be Done:

If we desire his Kingdom come, then Jesus makes clear that above all else, we are to seek first the kingdom of God Mt6:33 and he demonstrates the difficulty of this, when in the garden of Gethsemane he relinquishes his will, his self-motivations and self-determinations, in obedience for the will of the Father. Luke 22:39-42 we read:

Jesus left the upper room with his disciples and, as was his habit, went to the Mount of Olives, his place of secret prayer. There he told the apostles, “Keep praying for strength to be spared from the severe test of your faith that is about to come.”

Then he withdrew from them a short distance to be alone. Kneeling down, he prayed, *“Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.”*

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A moment of testing, of choice of temptation to follow his own will and for the suffering ahead to be removed, yet in seeking the kingdom he gave up his desire and said ‘your will be done’.

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On Earth As It Is In Heaven:

Letting go of what we want to take hold of what God wants, is the process of God’s kingdom coming. For our wills to join in union with God’s so that joy, happiness and delight is experienced.

What in these days, might God be asking us to let go of as individuals and as Church? What in our living, thinking and doing needs to be given up so that His will be done and in doing so, what of God, might we need to take hold of for his kingdom to come in us, our church and his world?

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May we not just say these words but be challenged to live them!

Rev 21:1

“See, I am creating all things new”

I am doing something brand new, *something unheard of.*

Even now it sprouts and grows and matures.

Don’t you perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and open up flowing streams in the desert. Isa 43:19

In this world: kingdom living.

In our mouths: kingdom praises.

In our hearts: kingdom goals.

In our hands: kingdom gifts.

Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven!

And in this Name we overcome
For you shall see us safely home.

Now as your Church
we lift our voice and pray:
Father, not my will, but yours be done!

**For thine is the Kingdom, and thine is the Power
And thine is the Glory for ever and ever. Amen**