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Kingdom Prayer

Overview

Jesus came to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to earth, and He taught His disciples to pray for this Kingdom. He proclaimed this message both with words (Matthew 4:17) and by actions demonstrating the nature and power of this Kingdom (Matthew 4:23). Jesus went on to instruct His followers to proclaim this same message, to demonstrate it in the same way as they were shown (Matthew 10:7-8), and to earnestly pray for it (Matthew 6:9-13).

This prayer, commonly called "The Lord's Prayer," is a call for us to join in the battle by praying *for* His new Kingdom and *against* the current kingdom until it is completely replaced by the Kingdom of Heaven.

The following is a reflection on The Lord's Prayer from a disciple maker's perspective. Feel free to modify these words to make it your own prayer.

Getting Started

1. Our Father in heaven,
God in Heaven, our Father, thank You that I can boldly enter Your throne room because You love me and have adopted me as Your child for Your purpose and Your glory. Hebrews 10:19-22, Ephesians 1:5-6

2. hallowed be Your name,
I declare that You are above all in every way, and I promise to worship You alone and love You with all my heart, soul, and strength. Ephesians 1:20-21, Deuteronomy 6:4-5

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3. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Today I pray that Your will would be done on this earth. Let Your Kingdom take root in my life, home, workplace, neighborhood, and city. I ask that all these places would look and feel more like the Kingdom of Heaven, replacing the kingdom of darkness. As Your servant, and a child of the King, I bring myself in alignment with Your will and purposes. I will proclaim Your Kingdom to those in the kingdom of darkness, and I commit myself to the task of making disciples in order that Your Kingdom would expand. Ephesians 1:11, 14; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Matthew 28:19

4. Give us this day our daily bread.
Please provide what I need for the assignments that You have given me today. Teach me to abide in You so that I may bear much fruit. Ephesians 2:10, John 15:4-5

5. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
Show me who I need to forgive as You have forgiven me. Help me restore what is broken in my relationships with the people in my life since You restored my relationship with You. Matthew 18:21-35, 1 John 1:9

6. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
Help me not fall into the devil's trap to become part of the problem, but direct me on Your path. Save me from the inevitable counterattack of the enemy as I seek to serve You, so that Your name is glorified. 1 Corinthians 10:13

8. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
You are the rightful ruler. May You reign over all that exists. I will seek to make Your Kingdom known to those around me with Your surpassing power and eternal glory, so that everything will once again reflect Your image for all eternity. Ephesians 1:11, 23

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