

Lord's Prayer: Part-2, Your Kingdom

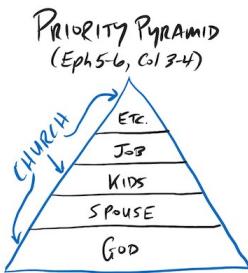
Jesus taught a **sample** prayer to His disciples. This illustrated how to pray, not an exact set of words to memorize and use as your only prayer. This lesson is about His Kingdom and His Will.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven,

Mat 6:10.

Your Highest Allegiance

- God's heavenly kingdom is where Jesus is King and His followers have a heavenly Citizenship. As a Christ-follower, your highest allegiance is to His Kingdom. He should be your foundation.
- That means your prayers should focus on:
 - God's Kingdom before your needs, **Mat 6:33.**
 - expanding His Kingdom, **Luke 10:2**, helping people find Christ and grow closer to Him.
 - the return of our Lord, King Jesus, **Rev 22:20**
- How often do you pray for God to expand His Kingdom?
- How often do you ask God to use you to point people to Christ?



God's Will

- Pray for His Will before yours.
 - His Will is most important, **Eph 5:17.**
 - It's okay to pray for your will as long as you acknowledge that His will has first priority, **Luke 22:42.**
- How do you know God's will? Let God transform and renew your mind to understand His Will by regularly spending time in His Word, **Rom 12:2.**
- Are you fully sharing your heart with God and asking His will to be done?
- Do you pray for God to guide you in having an abundant, godly life, **John 10:10?**

Prayer Tip

- Tell God that you know your primary citizenship is in Heaven.
- Tell God that you know He is your King.
- Ask God to expand His Kingdom to every willing heart and soul in this world.
- Ask God's will be done for you, those close to you, your church, our nation, and the world.

Self-Assessment Exercise: Is God's Will My Priority?

How true are the following statements for you?

not true <-> completely true
God is the foundation of my life.
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I frequently spend time in God's Word as I seek to know His Will.
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In my prayers, I tell God that His will is my first priority.
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I regularly pray God's will for myself, those I know, my church, our nation, and the world.
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Based on this self-assessment, ask God where He wants you to make some changes.

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