



The Lord's Prayer – Part 2: Your Kingdom Come

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **Again And Again** (*Red Rocks Worship*)
- **Endless Praise** (*Charity Gayle*)
- **Who Else** (*Gateway Worship*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Matthew 6:9-13,35,51
- Revelation 11:17
- John 14:13-14
- Philippians 2:9-12
- Ephesians 2:6,10

OPENING PRAYER

Invite someone to pray, asking God to help the group learn to pray with greater faith, authority, and dependence on Him.

Ice Breaker (5-10 min)

Share a memorable or funny prayer you remember from childhood (yours or your children's). What does this reveal about how we learn to pray?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. We pray with faith and courage - God's rulership is uncontested in heaven; we pray from a place of settledness, not anxiety.
2. God invites us to participate with Him in transforming the world - Prayer is missional; we join God's work of remaking the world.
3. We pray with authority and from authority - We pray in Jesus' name, seated with Christ in heavenly realms.
4. God is training us to refocus our lives on His will and His Kingdom - Praying "Your will be done" forces us off the throne of our own lives.
5. God is training us to trust Him and run to Him to get our needs met - We bring our daily needs to a Father who cares about even the smallest details.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-40 min)

Section 1: Praying with Faith and Courage

Read Matthew 6:10 - "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

1. Pastor Brian said, "We don't pray out of fear and anxiety as if we're not sure who's going to win. We pray out of settledness!" What areas of your life do you tend to pray from anxiety rather than from confidence in God's sovereignty?
2. How does knowing that "God's rulership is uncontested in heaven" change the way you approach prayer about current events, politics, or personal challenges?

Section 2: Participating in Transformation

Read Revelation 11:17 and Matthew 28:18-20

3. Pastor Brian said, "No reality is unchangeable." What situation in your life or community feels unchangeable? How might God be inviting you to pray differently about it?
4. The sermon emphasized that prayer is missional and connected to making disciples. How does this challenge or expand your view of prayer? How can prayer become more than just personal requests?
5. Both Jesus and the Holy Spirit pray for us and with us. How does knowing you're "joining the heavenly prayer team" affect your motivation or confidence in prayer?

Section 3: Praying with Authority

Read John 14:13-14, Philippians 2:9-12, and Ephesians 2:6

6. What does it mean practically to pray "in Jesus' name"? How is this different from just adding those words to the end of a prayer?
7. Pastor Brian mentioned that sometimes we act like we're "trying to twist God's arm or lob prayers up to heaven and hope He hears us." Have you ever felt this way? What would change if you truly believed you were "seated with Christ in the heavenly realms"?

Section 4: Refocusing on God's Will

Read Matthew 12:50

8. "Praying God's will daily forces me to change on a habit level. I have to take my eyes off of my desires, my wants, my dreams—and ask, 'God, what do you want?'" How comfortable are you with praying "Your will be done" when it might conflict with your own plans?
9. Pastor Brian described Scripture as a compass and the Spirit as a street-by-street map. How do you balance praying Scripture with listening to the Holy Spirit's specific guidance?

Section 5: Trusting God for Daily Needs

Read Matthew 6:11 and John 6:35, 51

10. "Give us today our daily bread" teaches us to depend on God daily. For those who are naturally independent or self-sufficient, why might this prayer be particularly challenging?
11. Pastor Brian said, "You are not a burden or a bother to Him. He loves being the one we run to." Do you struggle to bring small needs to God? Why or why not?
12. Jesus called Himself the bread of life. How does our daily need for physical bread point us to our even greater need for Jesus?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION (10 Mins)

This Week's Challenge (Choose 1-2):

Option 1: Kingdom Prayer Focus

Each day this week, pray "Your kingdom come, your will be done" over a specific area:

- Monday: Your family
- Tuesday: Your workplace
- Wednesday: Your neighborhood/community
- Thursday: Your church
- Friday: Your nation
- Weekend: A specific global need

Option 2: Authority Prayer Practice

Identify one situation where you've been praying with anxiety or doubt. This week, practice praying with the authority of Jesus' name, reminding yourself that you are seated with Christ in heavenly realms. Journal about any shifts in your perspective.

Option 3: Daily Bread Dependence

Each morning this week, before you start your day, pause and pray "Give us today our daily bread," specifically naming 2-3 needs (big or small) and consciously choosing to depend on God rather than only on yourself.

Option 4: Praying Scripture

Choose one Scripture promise related to God's will or kingdom. Pray that Scripture daily this week, personalizing it for your life and circumstances.

Reflection & Prayer Requests

Group Prayer Activity:

1. **Kingdom Prayers:** Go around the circle and have each person pray a short "Your kingdom come" prayer for one specific situation (personal, local, or global).
2. **Authority Prayers:** Pray together in Jesus' name over any spiritual battles or strongholds group members are facing.
3. **Daily Bread Prayers:** Share practical needs and pray for God's provision in each other's lives.

Closing Prayer

Have someone close by thanking God that He invites us to participate with Him in transforming the world through prayer.