

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- What areas of your life can you identify as not being completely under the Lordship of Christ. What is one thing you can do this week to make Jesus lord of your life?
- What is one thing you can do this week to help you know God's will more clearly?
- Identify one area of your life which is currently not submitted to God's will. What is one step you can take toward fully surrendering to Christ?
- Look at the world around you. Identify someplace not under God's rule.

PRAYER

- In what area of your life are you most challenged to trust God. Ask God to help you to trust him in that area and to allow him complete rulership in your life.
- Make a commitment to the Lord to be obedient to him. Ask him to help you to choose to do his will. Ask him to show you any places where you are living in disobedience and to help you choose to obey.
- God asks the church to be a 'house of prayer for all nations'. Pray for areas and situations in our city, across the nation, or around the world that need the blessings of God's Kingdom.

NOTES



The Lord's Prayer: Week 2

CONNECT

- Did you throw tantrums as a child? How do adults throw tantrums?
- How important is ambition in our culture? Is it positive or negative?
- What comes to mind when you hear the word 'kingdom'? How does a kingdom differ from our current form of government?

WORD

⁹In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:9–13 (NKJV)

THOUGHT

"We typically spend our lives seeking to expand our own kingdoms—increasing our assets, resources, and influence. Our kingdoms can include the workplace, the church, the club, the sporting team, and the home, and we grow very protective of anything into which we have invested our time, energy, and money.

When people challenge our kingdom, we react defensively and perhaps even with hostility. This simple observation of human nature makes Jesus' prayer all the more extraordinary. 'Your Kingdom come.'

Any invitation for God's Kingdom to come threatens our own kingdom. Kingdoms are, by definition, mutually exclusive. Any domain with two kings is ripe for conflict. Thus, we might express the phrase 'Your Kingdom come' another way: 'My kingdom done!' The Lord's Kingdom displaces our own.

'Your Kingdom come' does not invite the Father to come and watch us, but to come and rule us. We do not invite Him to partner with our lives, but to take charge of them. This three-word phrase, recited by believers for the past 2000 years, beckons an enormous lifestyle upheaval, if we're serious."

- Excerpted from 'Living The Lord's Prayer' by David Timms

1. YOUR KINGDOM COME

¹⁵*The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*

¹⁶*For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.* ¹⁷*He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.* ¹⁸*And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy."* **Colossians 1:15–18 (NIV)**

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

Luke 6:46 (NIV)

Scripture teaches us that Jesus is not only King over all kings and the Lord over all lords. It also teaches that he is to personally rule over each of our lives. To invite Jesus to establish his kingdom in our lives requires us to lay down our own agendas, our own ambitions, and our own dominion. Such a prayer has dramatic implications. It silences self-promotion and demands obedience and humble service. What are some ways that we can expect our lives to change as we sincerely pursue this prayer, 'your kingdom come?'

2. YOUR WILL BE DONE

"Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own." **John 7:17 (NIV)**

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." **Luke 22:42 (NIV)**

There is a vast difference between willfulness and willingness. When we think of willfulness, we often picture a petulant child. We may have outgrown fits of crying, pouting, and stomping our feet yet the spoiled two-year-old may still be alive and well within us. We may be much more subtle and hide it well, but we are still stubbornly set on having things our way. To fully surrender to God's will is a long and arduous journey, one that is totally up to our choosing. What are some ways of getting to know God's will? In what ways might you have to change your life if you were to fully surrender your life to God's will?

3. ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

¹*Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.* ²*I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.* ³*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."* ⁴*He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."* **Revelation 21:1–4 (NIV)**

Heaven. The word conjures up different images for different people. Suffice it to say that the biblical picture of heaven is someplace amazingly beautiful and full of joy and peace. It's also a place where God's will is fully realized because everyone there trusts God completely, knowing that God loves them fiercely, without reservation. Do you trust God completely to always do what is best? How would your life change if you completely trusted God?
