

## PRAYING FOR THE KINGDOM TO COME

Matthew Chapter 6.5-13

### PRAYERS AS A MIRROR

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Our prayers reflect how much we are really depending on God. We don't pray for things that we use our own strength for. So how do we step out more in faith? Firstly, you must know the will of God.

The prayer that Jesus models begins with an important precursor to frame our prayers: that His Name would be seen as holy, His Kingdom would come, and His will would be done. All of the following requests for forgiveness and provision are requested *in light* of our ultimate aim of the Kingdom of the Gospel to come.

### ADOPTED AND CHOSEN TO MAKE HIS NAME GREAT

God has chosen us, His people, for His glory, and He has adopted us as His children even though we were once not His people. He covenanted with His Son to purchase a people to be His, and He chose us for the work of making His Name holy, His Kingdom to come, and His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. He saved you to send you, not because He needed you, but because He LOVES you, and **Ephesians 1.4-6** tells us "He chose us according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace."

Ephesians 1.4-6

### GOD'S WILL: THAT HIS KINGDOM COME

Revelation 7.9-17 // Matthew 24.14, 28.18-20 // John 17.17, 18

This is a monumental task that we cannot accomplish apart from Christ! And we see in **Revelation 5.8 and 8.3, 4** that our prayers are being collected, one by one, and are going up to God as a pleasant aroma when we pray *and obey* the Great Commission.

#### Questions to Consider...

- What are you currently doing that only God could accomplish?
- If you could do one thing for the sake of the Gospel, and you knew you wouldn't fail, and time, treasure, and talent were not an issue, what would it be?



## NOTES:

#### Recommended Resources

**Radical** by David Platt

A great book on living the life of real, radical discipleship. Currently, our Steering Team, Community Group Leaders, and

**The Gospel Transformation Bible**

Published by Crossway, this bible is not *so much* a study bible, but a bible with commentary to help you see the bigger picture of Christ and His Gospel in and through all the Scriptures.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll join us **next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're an **essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to get connected in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6<sup>th</sup> grade** and is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please visit [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids) to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders** worship with the adults and then head to their class for the rest of service.

Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact Casey Barnes at [hbarnes5@yahoo.com](mailto:hbarnes5@yahoo.com).

## SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

## EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

## SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 6:5-15**. What stuck out to you the most in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your prayer life? \_\_\_\_\_

If it's weak, why do you think it is? If it's strong, how did you get to that point?

How does simply starting with recounting the truths and promises of God change the way you go to God in prayer? When we begin our prayers with, "God, I want Your Name to be made holy through my life, Your Kingdom to come, and Your will to be done on this earth as it is in Heaven *through Your power working in me,*" how does it change what you ask for? Or how you repent? \_\_\_\_\_

When you consider that you were sovereignly born and are living in a "reached" people group (21<sup>st</sup> Century America), and that there are 6,000 people groups (out of 11,000) that are unreached, how does this opening of the Lord's Prayer change your perspective on God's heart for your prayer life and the purpose of your life? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Revelation 5.9, 7.9-17, Matthew 24.14, 28.18, Genesis 22.17, 18** and **John 17.17, 18**. What do you see is God's clear "end game" and plan? \_\_\_\_\_

From these same verses, what is God's means by which He plans to accomplish this plan?

In what ways are you currently involved in God's desire and will to make His Name holy, His Kingdom come, and His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven? \_\_\_\_\_

What ways might you consider adding or changing in your life? Structuring your calendar different, planning to go on a short-term missions trip, structuring your finances differently, opening up your home to host or lead a Community Group, visiting shelters or prisons with the Gospel? \_\_\_\_\_

Remember Jesus' words from last week, "where your treasure is, your heart will be also." Though specifically talking about money, where we place our time (a valuable commodity in our high paced society) and our talents is also indicative of where our hearts are. When we commit our time, treasure, and talents, to the making of God's Name holy, His Kingdom coming, and His will being accomplished, our hearts are found among the will of God.

Look at the **Sermon Notes** and the final **"Questions to Consider."** How would you answer those two questions? And to follow up the second question, what is stopping you from pursuing that?