



**Your kingdom come; Your  
will be done, as in heaven,  
so also on earth.**

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MATT. 6:10

# **RIGHTEOUS Praying**

- The most adequate description of prayer is simply, “Talking to God about what we are doing together.”**
- Requests will naturally be made in the course of this conversational walk. Prayer is a matter of explicitly sharing with God my concerns about what He too is concerned about in my life.**
- He is concerned about my concerns and, in particular, that my concerns should coincide with His. This is the re-shaping of my mind. This is our walk together. Out of it, I pray.**

# Who Are We Praying To?

- **Matt.6:9 – “Our Father” – it speaks of relationship, love, knowledge, authority, ability, availability**
- **A direct translation of the first line is: “Father of us, the one in the heavens.”**
- **The term heavens means, the outer limits beyond the scientists telescopic vision, to the air we walk and live in.**
- **Not only is He our “*Abba*” Father and He is close, but, He is to be revered as Holy. “Hallowed be your Name!”**
- **A better translation of the language here is “let your name be sanctified.” Let it be uniquely respected.**

# What Are We Praying For?

- **The second request in Christ's sample prayer follows from the first. The child's confidence in the "Abba" who supervises everything for good, wants his rule, his kingdom, to come into realization in any place where it is not fully present.**
- **The kingdom of God is the range of his effective will. It is the domain where what He prefers, is actually what happens.**
- **This is not asking that it come into existence. The kingdom of God is from eternity past to eternity future.**
- **In the human realm there may be other kingdoms in power for a time. This request is that they be brought under God's rule**

# What Are We Praying For?

- **Jesus refers to the reign of God, not the realm of God.**
- **When Jesus said to pray, “Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”, he meant that the coming of the kingdom would be the extent of God’s rule where his name is hallowed and his will is done the way angels do it—obediently and joyfully.**
- **We are thinking of the places we spend our lives: of homes, playgrounds, city streets, workplaces and schools. These are the places we are asking for the kingdom, God’s rule, to come, to be in effect.**

# **What Are We Praying For?**

- We are praying about the structural or institutionalized evils that rule so much of the earth. Their goal is to shape culture. It has the power to daily bring multitudes to do deeply wicked things they do not even give a thought to.**
- Culture is seen in what people do unthinkingly, what is “natural” to them and therefore requires no explanation or justification.**
- Music, movies, social media, schools, government policy, judicial system**

# What Are We Praying For?

- **These cultures structure our lives. Most culture is right and good and essential. But not all. Culture is also the place where wickedness takes on group form. Just as the flesh, good and right in itself, is the place where individual wickedness dwells. *(Dallas Willard)***
- **We therefore pray for our Father to break up these higher-level patterns of evil. And, we ask him to help us see the patterns we are involved in. We ask him to help us not cooperate with them, to cast light on them and act effectively to remove them.**
- **1Tim.2:1-2; Job.1:8-12, Hosea 2:5-7**

# What Are We Praying For?

- **We are thinking of our activities. WWJD is a good start, but what is your heart saying? Is it love?**
- **We know our weaknesses, our limitations, our habits, and we know how tiny our power of conscious choice is. We are therefore asking that, by means beyond our knowledge and the scope of our will, we be assisted to act within the flow of God's actions.**
- **Isa.6; Ezk.22:26-31; 2Chron.7:14**
- **Will you intercede for yourself, your family, your community, your country, your world?**