

## PRAYING ACCEPTANCE OF GOD'S WILL

As you pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth," you are affirming your desire to see your Father's kingdom extended. But, you are also affirming that doing his will is the means by which this will happen. This means that you must be willing to submit your will to his will in all things if his kingdom is to be established in and through you.

Sin, in whatever form, is disobedience to the Father and to his will for creation. The kingdom of God is based on obedience to the will of the Father. Jesus said over and over that he came, not to do his own will, but to do the will of his Father. His greatest struggle came in the garden of Gethsemane as he faced the ultimate will of his Father to die for our sins. His death and subsequent resurrection were to be the means of the final destruction of Satan's kingdom and the beginning of the restoration of the kingdom of God on the earth. He continues this work on earth through his Body, the Church, of which he is the Head and you are a member, until he comes again in glory.

You, who have been begotten of the Father through faith in Jesus Christ and baptism, have a new King in Jesus. You are called to come under his Lordship because you are now a citizen of the kingdom of God. In and with the Church, you extend this kingdom and continue to complete the destruction of Satan's kingdom until Jesus returns.

To pray according to the will of the Father, then, pray the following:

Lord, it is your will

to have mercy on whom you have mercy and to have compassion on whom you have compassion. Romans 9:15

to destroy the wisdom of the wise and to thwart the discernment of the discerning. 1 Corinthians 1:9

to bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and to disclose the purposes of the heart. 1 Corinthians 1:19

for everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:4

to put your laws in our hearts and to write them on our minds. Hebrews 10:16

for us to draw near to you, and for you to draw near to us. James 4:8

to live in us and walk among us, to be our God and for us to be your people. 2 Corinthians 6:16

to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. Ephesians 1:10

to give rest to all who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, if they come to you. Matthew 11:28

for those who do the will of the Father in heaven to enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 7:21

that you give us birth by the word of truth so that we would become a kind of first-fruits of your creatures. James 1:18

to pour out your Spirit on all people. Acts 2:17

that all may be one as you, Father are in Jesus, and he is in you, so that the world may know that you have sent Jesus and have loved them even as you have loved him. John 17:21

that not a single one of your little ones should be lost. Matthew 18:14

to never leave us nor forsake us. Hebrews 13:5

that we be made holy, that we abstain from immorality, and that we each know how to control our own body in holiness and honor, not with lustful passion, and that no one wrong or exploit a brother or sister. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6

for us to rejoice always, to pray without ceasing, and to give thanks in all circumstances. 2 Thessalonians 5:16-18

to work wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below. Acts 2:19

to make clean those with sickness and disease of all kinds. Mark 1:41

to forgive sins. Mark 2:10

to expel unclean spirits. Matthew 10:1

to meet all physical needs. Luke 12:29; Philippians 4:19

to hear us if we ask anything according to your will. 1 John 5:14

for us to accept the authority of every human institution that, by doing right, we should silence the ignorance of the foolish and to live as free people, yet to not use our freedom as a pretext for evil. 1 Peter 2:13-16

to judge your people. Hebrews 10:30

that those who suffer in accordance with your will entrust themselves to you, a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good. 1 Peter 4:19

to give the one who conquers a place with you on your throne. Revelation 3:21

Come, your kingdom! Be done, your will!

In the world

In (my country)

In (my state)

In (my county)

In (my city)

In and through the churches and synagogues and mosques  
of (my country)

In and through my family

In and through me