

## The Closing

*For yours is  
the kingdom and  
the power and  
the glory forever. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer closes with this doxology, which is an expression of praise. These words are not included in the earliest manuscripts of the Bible, so many scholars believe this ending was added later.

But whether these words are original or not, they are scriptural. They seem to grow from David's prayer recorded in 1 Chronicles 29:11:

*Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. (NIV)*

The Lord's Prayer closes as it began, seeking God's glory, His kingdom, and His will. Our whole relationship with an Almighty, all-loving, all-wise God is framed in this deep desire that He have His way completely, always and forever.

*Father,  
may You be all in all  
in my life,  
in my family,  
in the Church,  
and throughout all creation,  
both now and forevermore.  
Amen, Lord, Amen.  
Let it be!*

**Hymn options:**

**[Great Lord of All Reality](#)  
[Father, Your Name](#)**