

Your Kingdom Come #2

When we pray, “Your kingdom come,” we are asking God to exert His complete control in our world. We are asking that His wisdom and His love be given their full right of way in all things.

God’s kingdom – His rulership among us and in us – is like a small seed. It grows very gradually, almost imperceptibly, even when we aren’t conscious of it. (See Mark 4:26-34.) As we see its beauty growing in our lives, as we experience its benefits, we pray ever more urgently, “Your kingdom come!” We long for the day when it will come completely.

As with the rest of the Lord’s Prayer, we can pray, “Your kingdom come,” for our own lives, for the lives of our loved ones, for our community, and for the entire world.

This prayer is an excellent response to specific problems: Father, may Your kingdom come in this situation. I like this prayer because it is both bold and submissive. It is bold in faith, trusting and exalting God, holding up the beauty of His magnificent plan and believing He will fully accomplish it. It is submissive regarding ourselves, laying down our interests completely for the sake of His kingdom.

Isn’t it remarkable? We spend our daily energies trying to gain more and more control over our lives and over the world around us. But when we get a taste of God’s control and the wonderful blessings it brings, we realize we need to learn to turn loose of the control we have so fearfully grasped. We begin to pray each day:

*Father, my wisdom is too limited.
My thoughts are too anxious and too selfish.
May Your kingdom come
in my thinking, in my speaking,
in all my work, and in all my relationships.
Help me to move today
by the wind of Your Spirit
in the rhythm of Your will.
Father, in my heart, in my world,
may Your kingdom come!*

Hymn: [Hallelujah Hymn](#)