

# Ignite Prayer - Kingdom Focussed Prayer

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## **The Biblical basis for praying according the kingdom:**

Romans 8: The Spirit-inspired prayer of Paul

Acts 1:1-14: Spirit, Kingdom, Kingdom, Spirit

Ezekiel 36-37: The Valley of Dry Bones and the promise of the King and the Kingdom

**The Nature of the Kingdom:** Romans 14, Matthew 12

The Two S/spirit Contrast in the kingdom versus kingdom motif.

## **Praying kingdom prayers the “Jesus Way”**

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The Lord’s Prayer in one hour:

## The Lord's P.R.A.Y.E.R. in a page – A Guide to Daily Prayer

### **P**raise the Father

OUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME...

Recognise that Jesus always began His personal prayer by focusing on hallowing God's reputation, declaring His goodness, His holiness. Start by praising God. Sing. Ascribe greatness to Him. Read a Psalm that declares His glory (i.e. Psalm 145) or that commands your soul to bless God for His benefits (i.e. Psalm 103-4). Make the Psalmist's words your own.

### **R**quest the Kingdom

YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN...

What is the Kingdom like? What did Jesus mean by the "will"? What is heaven like? Find out in the parables, Paul and Revelation. You will be astonished by what you find there. In Rev. 12:7-12, there is war in heaven while the dragon was expelled. Then heaven became synonymous with the Kingdom. To pray this prayer is to place yourself in direct confrontation with the powers of darkness. Pray that way about each issue in your life.

### **A**sk for provision

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD...

What do you need for the kingdom to come and for the will to be done? Ask for that. "Daily bread" is enough to take you through the day. The Kingdom, God's fatherhood and heaven are married together with asking for provision (Matt. 6:19-34). What do you need? Be specific.

### **Y**ield your sins to God

FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS...

This prayer is spelled out in detail in Matt 18:21-35. If we fail to forgive, we give the devil a foothold, and God hands us over to him! In this kingdom parable, a King forgives the equivalent of the gross domestic product of Saudi Arabia of one of his servants. The servant refuses to follow the pattern, and throws a friend into jail for 3 months wages. The King sees and hands the servant over to the tormenters. Unresolved rage, anger, bitterness stops the Holy Spirit and allows the enemy to take over (Eph. 4:30). Forgive to release the Spirit in you. If not, you'll be stopped by bondage to darkness.

Here is how you know that you have forgiven:

- 1) You acknowledge before God that this person, institution, situation, has effectively destroyed your life, and that you hold no malice in return.
- 2) You tell the Lord that, as far as you are concerned, you wish no judgement from God for them. In fact, you pray a blessing, and even prosperity for them.
- 3) You allow no mental rehearsal of your own personal vindication.
- 4) Pass it through the cross for whatever Jesus wants to do to redeem the situation.

### **E**ngage the Enemy...

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE... [NIV]

This is a prayer to be kept safe from the enemy's counterattack. Because you have charged "the gates of hell" in the "Your Kingdom come" prayer, the enemy will counter-attack. Pray to be kept from exposure to temptation in your weak areas or sinful circumstances that will distract you from God's glory. You are already in direct confrontation with the powers of darkness (Matthew 10:1, 7-8). This is a contrast between heaven's power, through the Holy Spirit flowing through you, and the tempter's power who controls this age. Don't seek Satanic confrontation. Neither avoid it. Ask God to keep you, and resist the power of the enemy when the Lord sends you!

### **R**ejoice in the advance of God's Kingdom.

FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY, FOREVER, AMEN.

Notice once again, that the kingdom is the dominant theme. It is related to the power of the Holy Spirit, and the glory of God the Father. Celebrate this fact. Tell the Lord of his victory. Recount the mighty things that he has accomplished. Tell him that you are "already/not yet" (already participating in the Holy Spirit's power, but "not yet" as you should be—I John 3:2), but that ground has been moved from one area to the next. Praise him. God's kingdom shall win over the enemy's. Sing and praise him.