

## Prayer Guide ...Kingdom Come God's Reign in Our Lives & World

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. YOUR KINGDOM COME, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. We long for the day when every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Yet we also recognize that Your kingdom has already broken into history through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Teach us to live as kingdom citizens today while eagerly anticipating the kingdom's full consummation tomorrow.*

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### 1. The Kingdom Has Already Come (Inaugurated)

**Scripture:** *"But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."* (Matthew 12:28)

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, When You healed the sick, cast out demons, and proclaimed good news to the poor, you were demonstrating that God's reign was breaking into this dark world. Open my eyes to see where You're already at work all around me. Give me faith to believe that Your kingdom power is available right now to transform lives, heal wounds, and set captives free. Let me live today as a citizen of Your kingdom, under Your loving rule.

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### 2. The Kingdom Is NOT Here Fully (NOT Consummated)

**Scripture:** *"Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet."* (1 Corinthians 15:24-25)

**Prayer:** Father, while Your kingdom has been inaugurated through Jesus, I confess that I see evidence everywhere that it's not yet fully here. Sin still ravages lives, death still claims victims, injustice still prevails, and Satan still prowls like a roaring lion. I long for the day when you return in glory, Jesus to complete what You started—when every enemy is defeated, every tear is wiped away, and Your will is done on earth as perfectly as it's done in heaven. Until that day, keep my hope fixed on Your promises. Help me live in the tension of "already but not yet"—celebrating what You've already done while yearning for what's still to come.

### 3. The Kingdom Demands Our Allegiance

**Scripture:** *"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from this world.'"* (John 18:36)

**Prayer:** King Jesus, Your kingdom operates by completely different principles than earthly kingdoms. Where the world seeks power, You demonstrate servanthood. Where the world demands rights, You model sacrifice. Where the world builds through force, You build through love. Forgive me for the times I've tried to advance Your kingdom using the world's methods—manipulation, coercion, political maneuvering, or worldly power. Teach me that Your kingdom advances through the cross, not the sword; through humility, not pride; through death to self, not self-promotion. Help me pledge my ultimate allegiance not to any nation, political party, or ideology, but to You alone as my King. Give me wisdom and courage to join you in advancing YOUR Kingdom, in alignment with your will and pleasure. Thanks that you see and know and are a faithful judge who will one day rule with the fullness of justice and righteousness.

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### 4. The Kingdom Is a People Under a King

**Missional Quote** - Scot McKnight: "Kingdom work is what kingdom citizens do under King Jesus. The kingdom is the people who are redeemed and ruled by King Jesus in such a way that they live as a fellowship under King Jesus."

**Scripture:** *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."* (1 Peter 2:9)

**Prayer:** Lord, help me understand that the kingdom isn't just an abstract concept or a future realm—it's a people governed by You. I'm part of this kingdom community, this fellowship of believers who live under Your loving rule. Don't let me reduce "kingdom work" to social justice activities disconnected from the church, or personal salvation disconnected from community or disciple making. Instead, help me see that kingdom mission happens primarily through Your people—the church—as we embody Your reign together. Let our house

church collective be a visible demonstration of what it looks like when Jesus is King.

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## 5. The Kingdom Transforms Everything It Touches

**Missional Quote** - N.T. Wright: "Every act of love, gratitude, and kindness; every work of art or music inspired by the love of God and delight in the beauty of God's creation; every minute spent teaching a child to read or walk, every act of care and nurture, of comfort and support, for one's fellow human beings... all of this will find its way, through the resurrecting power of God, into the new creation that God will make."

**Scripture:** *"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."* (1 Corinthians 15:58)

**Prayer:** Father, Your kingdom doesn't just save souls—it redeems all of creation. Every act of love, every work done in Your name, every seed of kingdom life planted today will bear fruit that will last. This means nothing I do for You is wasted. Whether I'm changing diapers, teaching children, caring for the sick, creating beauty, pursuing justice, or simply showing kindness to a stranger—if it's done under Your rule and for Your glory, it matters eternally. Give me eyes to see all of life as kingdom work. Let me abound in Your service, knowing my labor is never in vain.

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## 6. The Kingdom Requires Radical Decision

**Missional Quote** - George Ladd: "The Kingdom of God means first of all the redemptive activity and rule of God working among men; & it is secondly the realm in which men experience the blessings of His rule.

**Scripture:** *"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."* (Matthew 13:44)

**Prayer:** Jesus, Your parables make clear that the kingdom demands everything. It's the treasure worth selling everything to obtain, the pearl of great price that's worth total sacrifice. Yet I confess I often try to add Your kingdom to my life rather than surrendering my life to Your kingdom. Forgive my half-hearted allegiance. Help me experience Your love & leadership so powerfully in my life that I

gladly abandon everything else to follow You. Let me count all things as loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing You and living under Your reign. Anoint me to love you with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength.

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## 7. The Kingdom Is God's Miracle, Not Our Achievement

**Scripture:** *"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."* (Matthew 19:26)

**Prayer:** Father, I confess that I often act as if building Your kingdom depends on my efforts, my strategies, my cleverness. But as George Ladd reminds us, "The Kingdom of God is a miracle. It is the act of God. It is supernatural. Men cannot build the Kingdom, they cannot erect it." Your kingdom advances through Your supernatural power as we join in what you already have planned and are doing. Help me faithfully proclaim the gospel, plant seeds of truth, and trust You to bring the increase. Let me work diligently while remembering that only You can produce the life of the kingdom.

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### Personal Reflection Questions

- ⇒ Where do I see evidence of God's kingdom already at work in my life and community?
- ⇒ What areas of my life am I withholding from God's rule? What would full surrender look like?
- ⇒ How can I better align my priorities, time, and resources with kingdom values rather than worldly values?
- ⇒ Am I living with expectant hope for Christ's return, or have I settled into comfortable Christianity?

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*"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."* (Revelation 11:15)