

Title: Kingdom Prayer

Text: Matthew 6:9-13

Target: The Lord's Prayer is not just to be memorized it is to be personalized.

1. Declaration of Acceptance & Allegiance

- **God as Father:** *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.* (Vs. 9)
 - My Confession:** "Our"
 - My Comfort:** "Father"
 - My Consecration:** "Hallowed"

**See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are (1 John 3:1)*

Question 1: How does knowing that you are a beloved child of God impact your sense of belonging in His family and your confidence in approaching Him in prayer?

- **God as King:** *Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.* (Vs. 10)
 - Your Authority:** "Your Kingdom"
 - Your Agenda:** "Your Will"
 - My Acceptance:** "Be Done"
 - Your Administration:** "On earth as it is in heaven"

**Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you. (Matthew 6:33)*

Question 2: How do you prioritize seeking God's Kingdom over your own plans or desires, and what shifts in your life have you experienced when you put His will first?

2. Declaration of Dependence & Defense

- **God as Provider:** *Give us this day our daily bread.* (Vs. 11)
 - Your Sufficiency:** "Give"
 - Your Supply:** "this day"
 - My Satisfaction:** "daily bread"

**And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)*

Question 3: How have you experienced God's provision in areas where you felt uncertain or lacking? What does "daily bread" mean for you in a broader sense, beyond just physical needs?

- **God as Forgiver:** *forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.* (Vs. 12)
 - Your Reconciliation:** "forgive us"
 - My Righteousness:** "our debts"
 - Their Release:** "our debtors"

**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*

Question 4: Is there anyone you need to forgive, or have you struggled with asking for forgiveness from God or others? How can you embrace the reconciliation and freedom Christ offers through His forgiveness?

3. Declaration of Trust and Triumph:

- **God as Leader:** *lead us not into temptation.* (Vs. 13a)
 - Your Guidance:** “lead”
 - Your Guarantee:** “not”
 - My Guardrails:** “into temptation”

**No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)*

Question 5: What are some practical ways you’ve experienced God’s way of escape during difficult times? How does this promise of His faithfulness strengthen your trust in His leadership?

- **God as Deliverer:** *deliver us from evil.* (Vs. 13b)
 - Your Power:** “deliver”
 - Your Purpose:** “from”
 - Will Prevail:** “evil”

**Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. (1 John 4:4)*

Question 6: How does the truth that “He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world” empower you in your daily fight against temptation and evil? What does victory over evil look like in your life as a follower of Christ?

Takeaway: The Lord’s Prayer is a Kingdom Prayer of UP, IN & OUT.

UP: How do you intentionally create space in your life to connect with God, either through prayer, worship, or quiet listening? What has helped you to prioritize time with God in the midst of your busy life?

IN: Who are the people in your life that you consider true friends in Christ? How can you invest more deeply in these relationships for mutual growth?

OUT: How can you better live out God’s mission in the world by meeting the needs around you and sharing the gospel with those who are lost or hurting?

Luke 6:12-19 shows us a day in the life of Jesus. The short passage contains all three dimensions. Read through it for yourself and try to identify Up, In, and Out in Jesus’ day. **What do you observe and what can you observe from the way Jesus does Up-In-Out?** Try explaining to a few other people until its clear in your mind and feels natural.