

Twenty FIRST CENTURY Worship

Worship Through Prayer: PART 2

Matthew 6:9-13

United Community Church

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The Lord's Prayer is divided into two parts: My relationship with God and my responsibility to God.

The Lord's Prayer is POWERFUL because it leads us to focus on His name, His kingdom, and His will.

“Hallowed be Your Name” – Describes God’s Character of Holiness and Righteousness

1. Reflects God’s holiness and righteousness
2. Declares that God will never turn against us
3. Reminds us that we are set apart to be holy

“Your Kingdom Come” – My Responsibility to Seek His Kingdom (His Purpose and His Plan)

1. God wants us to be part of His Kingdom’s work
2. God wants us to look at life from a Kingdom perspective
 - I am here to have a personal relationship with my Father
 - I am here to serve God with my life and resources
 - I am here to show others how they can know God personally

“Your Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven” – My Responsibility to be Obedient to my Father

(God’s will in heaven is radically different from our will on earth)

God’s Kingdom

- Those who repent of sin receive God’s Kingdom
- Those who grieve over sin/evil are comforted
- Leaders serve
- Those who seek to be right with God will be filled by the Holy Spirit

Our Kingdom

- Those who do not recognize sin do not see the need to change
- Those who grieve over life are filled with guilt/sorrow/shame
- Leaders are served
- Those who seek to be right with the world will get worldly response

- Those who show mercy receive mercy from God
- Those who seek to please God will see Him
- Those who seek to reconcile others to God will be called sons (children) of God
- Those persecuted for righteousness know they will inherit God's Kingdom
- Those who do not show mercy will not receive mercy
- Those who seek to please will not find fulfillment
- Those who seek peace with others may be disappointed by different beliefs/ values
- Those who are focused on world will reap what they sow

Practical Prayer as We Worship Our Father

1. Hallowed be your name
 - a. We praise you, Father, because you are holy, righteous, and just (Lev 19:2). This assures us you will never turn against your children.
 - b. Your name reminds us we must strive to be holy (1 Pet 1:16). We cannot do that on our own. We need your Spirit to work in us to put away sin and put on righteousness (Eph 4:20-24).
2. Your kingdom come
 - a. We have been taught to seek your kingdom first (Matt 6:33). Give me opportunities each day to reflect your love for others.
 - b. Use us to go and make disciples (Matt 28:19-20) by sharing your message of salvation and leading others to grow in their relationship with you.
3. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven
 - a. Father teach us to seek your will, not our own (Jn 4:34).
 - b. Our purpose on earth is to fulfill your purpose of making disciples, conforming to your image (Rom 8:29), bearing fruit (Gal 5:22-25), and being a witness to the world with our lives.