

# FEBRUARY 2023

Week 2

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### Bible Reading:

- Matthew 6:9-13
- Romans 12:1-2

### Self reflection & Meditation:

- What ways can God's kingdom be expanded in our hearts?
- How does this connect to laying down our lives as a sacrifice to Him?

### Devotion

In Matthew 6:10, we are praying for God's reign and will in our lives.

God's kingdom reigns forevermore everywhere. However, the first phrase is alluding to our personal lives. Jesus is teaching us to pray that God shows us how to allow Him to reign and put our focus on God's Kingdom and God's business.

The second phrase is more about what we do. We are praying that God moves in us to not take actions based upon our will, but instead to act in His will for His purpose in our lives. Our love is His love. Our desires are His desires. Our will is His will. We are not just submitting. We are asking God to replace our will and desire with His.

The instructions contained in this passage are repeated by Paul in Romans 12:1-2. Paul instructs the Roman church to present their bodies as a living sacrifice which is nothing more than their reasonable service or literally their worship to God. Speaking to our application, this sacrifice allows us to be transformed and live with a new mind. A mind that can know, understand, and act in God's will! This next week let us take time to know God more, to give Him control over our actions and our thoughts, and to allow Him to truly reign in us.