

Your Will Be Done 4: Participate

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Matthew 6:9–10 (NIV) ⁹ “This, then, is how you should pray:
“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

I. The Expectations and Rewards of Jesus

Helping people in need:

Matthew 6:2 (NIV) ² “So **when you give to the needy**, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

- 1) Not show
- 2) For your Father
- 3) Valuable rewards

Prayer is essential:

Matthew 6:5 (NIV) ⁵ “And **when you pray**, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

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Fasting is unavoidable:

Matthew 6:16 (NIV) ¹⁶ “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

Keep your heart in Heaven:

Matthew 6:19–21 (NIV) ¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

II. Jesus' Brother James Speaks

James 2:14–17, 26 (NIV) ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

Practical

Spiritual

III. The Physical Body

Romans 6:11-14 (NIV) ¹¹ ...count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and **offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.** ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Are you willing to surrender your body to God?

Heavenly Father, I want Your will for my life: body, soul, and spirit. Today, I announce my body is for You. I trust You. I want Your purposes in my life. I submit all the parts of my body as instruments of righteousness, yielded to You, Father, for Your service and Your glory. —In Jesus' name, Amen

This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

- Sat Rest Sun Luke 11:37-54; Ps 26-31 Mon Luke 12:1-12; Ps 32-35
 Tue Luke 12:13-21; Ps 36-39 Wed Luke 12:22-34; Ps 40-45
 Thur Luke 12:35-48; Ps 46-50 Fri Luke 12:49-59; Ps 51-57 Sat Rest