



The Three Word Prayer to Change the World **Luke 11:1-4**

We pray for God's kingdom to come in our world.

^{2b}Your kingdom come.

Text Message:

o "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10

o Later, in Matthew 13, Jesus gives six pictures (parables) of what the kingdom of God looks like:

1) The kingdom of God is Present

(Parable of the Weeds, Parable of the Net). This is true when we can see it, when we can't see it, and even when it seems evil is winning!

2) The kingdom of God is Powerful

(Parable of the Mustard Seed, Parable of the Leaven). The kingdom of God transcends nations, ethnicities, languages, political parties, and doctrinal distinctives. It changes individuals, communities, and nations.

3) The kingdom of God is Pricey

(Parable of the Hidden Treasure, Parable of the Pearl of Great Value). Jesus Himself paid the great price and was crucified as a king for the kingdom of God.

- o This prayer for the earth ("old creation") to be transformed to the fullness of all Jesus lived and died for ("new creation").

We pray for God's kingdom to come in our church.

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Text Message:

o “The problem with our nation is not the government, the media, the education system, or the economic conditions. It is not even the lifeless institutional religion that believes anything and nothing. The real challenge lies with the evangelical churches, many of which are cold, complacent, and unattractive to the watching world.”

Brian H. Edwards, *Revival: A People Saturated With God*

o When God goes about changing the world, He doesn't start with politics, police, or programs. He ***always*** begins with His people:

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

o Praying for God's kingdom to come is to recognize both the problem in the first bullet point and the solution in the second, and to pray until it happens!

o Remember these words from Thomas

Aquinas:

“This prayer not only teaches us to ask for things, but also in what order we should desire them.”

- o Therefore, those who are “pure in heart” will pray above all else for God’s name to be honored and His will to be done.

We pray for God’s kingdom to come in our lives.

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Text Message:

- o Much like a mosaic is made up of tinier pictures, the mosaic of the kingdom of God is made up of transformed local churches, which in turn are made up of transformed individuals.

- o In Adam, God’s rule in an individual’s life was rejected. In Christ, God’s rule in individuals’ lives is restored.

- o Like the first petition, this points us to what will ultimately be:

“the earth shall be full of the knowledge of

the Lord as the waters cover the sea.” Isaiah
o This prayer invites us to live **for** that day and
to live **into** it!