⁵ "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.



Pray then like this:
 "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.



Matthew 6 is where we find the template for what prayer is: Intentionally making our needs known to God as we truly are



Recap

- The Lord reveals himself to us by his name
- It is sanctified, sacred, set apart
- Prayer is not a competition
- Prayer allows us to know ourselves and know God

The purpose of prayer and of God's call in your life isn't to make you number one in the world's eyes but to make Him number one in your life.

Ravi Zacharias

Implications of "Your Kingdom Come"

We live in Kingdoms:

either the Kingdom of God or NOT the Kingdom of God either the kingdom of light or the kingdom of darkness These kingdoms operate differently, with different values and different pursuits.

As far as we are in the Kingdom of God, we're living on earth where we interact with the kingdom of darkness

In the darkness...

There is pollution, sin, misery, ignorance We fight deeper things, principalities, powers that are driven by agendas of the dark kingdom

So unless The Kingdom comes...

- Our purest offerings are defiled
- We have no right to the covenant of grace
- Exposed to the wrath of God
- Exposed to the kingdom of darkness and its ways
- Exposed to eternal death
- Experience eternal separation
- Our purest offerings are toxic
- We have no comfort in death

Father, let us see, in the present, more and more signs that the war You have won against the powers that corrupt and enslave Your world is nearing its consummation.



Give us more tangible previews of that great day when death will be swallowed up in victory.



Help us see that Jesus' resurrection isn't just a one-off event but will sweep us along in its wake so that we will share in His transformation.



God's conquest of His rebellious world was achieved when His son left His tomb behind on Easter morning. Yet suffering continues, and we go on longing for an end that isn't yet public and universal.



Why is it important?

When we pray "Your Kingdom Come..."

We are **ENCOURAGED**We are **INSTRUCTED**

- to serve the King
- being honored to serve the King

 Isn't it an honor to be called a partner with a Holy God even when it might cost you something?

We **SUBMIT** We are **COMFORTED**

If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.

C. T. Studd



Next Step Questions

- 1. Where are you seeing brokenness that is hurting you? This is where Jesus is inviting you to pray: let your kingdom come
- 2. PRAY that God's kingdom (healing, salvation, redemption, love, protection, grace, wholness...) come in that area