

<sup>5</sup> “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. <sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> “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. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

***Matthew 6:5-8***



<sup>9</sup> Pray then like this,  
“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread,  
<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

***Matthew 6:9-13***



***This is not just about praying.  
It is about the posture of our hearts  
and the way we live our lives.***



**Your Will be Done**



# Recap

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1. **Our Father:** we remember our intimate personal relationship with God & place in the community of God's family.
2. **Hallowed be your Name:** we remember that God is creator of the universe & invoke his character, power, glory, and goodness.
3. **Your Kingdom come:** We ask that we would see and experience more of what marks his kingdom here and now: goodness, mercy, justice, love, healing, grace

*Praying "Your will be done" means  
we **SURRENDER** our will  
and **TRUST** God's will.*



# What is "The Will"?

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Oxford languages dictionary says...


1. "The faculty by which a person decides on and initiates action."
2. "The intent, desire, or wish for something."

In Aramaic, the word carries the meaning of "desire," a harmonious cooperation of movement that includes natural discipline. This kind of "heart's desire" means that one's goal or purpose has moved beyond the mental or ideal stage. It has become so much a part of oneself that one need no longer think about it.

Neil Douglas-Klotz



At first communication with God flowed freely, but then the fall introduced another communicator, one whose commands contradicted those of God. God could no longer rely on humans to accomplish his will on earth.



Bishop Bonifas Adoyo



# 4 Facts about Humans

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- 1. We are Small.** Our perspective is very limited.
- 2. We are Singular.** We can only ever really know our own experience.
- 3. We are Self-Centered.** Our lives revolve around ourselves and our own people.
- 4. We are Survival-Oriented.** We live within biological bodies designed to fight for our own survival.

# 4 Facts about God

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- 1. God is Big.** His perspective includes the whole picture with every detail.
- 2. God is connected to everything.** He sees into the heart in every situation. He has the whole experience.
- 3. God cares about All Creation.** He is constantly inviting everyone into his care.
- 4. God is sacrificial and oriented toward flourishing.** He gives himself away time and time again so we can have life and life abundant.

# *Human*

- 1. Small, finite*
- 2. Singular, alone*
- 3. Self-centered*
- 4. Survival-oriented*

# *God*

- 1. Big, infinite*
- 2. Everywhere, in everything, completely connected*
- 3. Cares about all of creation*
- 4. Sacrificial, ever-lasting, oriented toward thriving and flourishing*

**The Contrast**



*We pray that the most trustworthy and powerful Spirit of God would sweep the earth and catch up our hearts and imaginations with the goodness and glory of a healed and restored world and make us willing to surrender our small and singular perspectives to trust his vast and interconnected one and to surrender our self-centered survival-oriented self-protective ways of being to that of God's abundantly loving sacrificially giving arms wide open and perpetually forgiving one.*



# Next Steps for you and Holy

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1. Ask: Where are my survival mechanisms working away without me being aware of them? What is one area of my life where I very clearly know what it is that I want to have happen, where I know exactly what MY will is?
2. Surrender: Ask the Spirit of God to help you truly surrender your will and grow your desire for God's will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
3. Trust: ask the Spirit of God to help you, comfort you, and assure you as you hold onto "God's will be done" even when, as when our Christ was murdered on that cross, the outworking of God's will sure looks like the enemy is winning.