

Your Kingdom Come

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May Your kingdom come. —Matthew 6:10 NIV

When Jesus' disciples, or followers, were with Him, they asked Him how to pray. They asked Him what words they should use when talking to God. Jesus gave them the Lord's Prayer as an example of what we should say in our prayers to Him. It doesn't mean we have to always say that exact prayer, but the Lord's Prayer shows us what we could talk about when saying our own personal prayers. Our Bible verse for today is part of that prayer.

- Have you ever been given a gift?
- If so, why did you get it? Was it for your birthday or a holiday?

God has given a gift to all of us and it's free! We don't have to do anything to get the gift. We don't have to wait for a holiday or a special day. We just get the gift because we are part of God's family. How awesome is that?

God's gift to us is eternal life in heaven. This means we get to live in heaven, forever, with God some day because Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead. If we believe in Jesus and what He did for us, we get the free gift of heaven.

When we pray Your kingdom come, we are letting God know we believe there is a kingdom of heaven and we want to be part of it.

- Do you believe there is a heaven?
- Do you believe you will live there some day?
- Who do you need to believe in so you can go to heaven some day? (Jesus)

Lastly,

- How do you feel when someone gives you a gift that you really, really wanted? Are you excited? Are you happy? Do you want to tell everyone about the gift?

That is how we should feel about the free gift of heaven. We should be excited and happy we will be there some day. We should want to tell everyone about Jesus and heaven so they will be there some day, too.

Prayer

Dear God,

You are the One True God and You are holy.

We know heaven is Your home and we can be there with You some day.

Thank You for that gift.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

