

## Kingdom Prayers for Sanctification, 1

Kingdom prayers focus on what God wants and not necessarily what we want. That's not to say that what we want is unimportant, but oftentimes we aim our prayers too low by asking for a worldly blessing, though we need a spiritual blessing. We want a better job, better pay, better health, better children, a better spouse. God wants us to be holy. God wants us to be obedient, loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, and faithful. He wants *you to be a better spouse!*

Sanctification is a work of the Holy Spirit; a process through which a born again Christian's thinking and behavior becomes more holy. More in line with Jesus' thinking and behavior. The process is never completed in this life, and progress is often imperceptible. As time passes, the Christian is able look back and see advancement, but the gradual degree of change is proof that God values *patience* highly!

Born again Christians *have been* given all things in Christ; among them are faith in God, repentance, forgiveness of sin, eternal life and the kingdom of God. These are all spiritual gifts that were freely given us by God, and without them we would perish. Jesus teaches continually that spiritual treasures are far more valuable than earthly ones. Our flesh continues to exert great power over us, and in us there is little power and inclination to overcome it.

Therefore, let us exercise our God given faith through kingdom prayer, asking God to give us the power and desire to be transformed toward holiness. He wants you to be holy and he provides the power and the process. Let's expectantly ask that he make even us, holy.

### [Matthew 6:19-21](#) ESV

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### [Colossians 3:1-4](#) ESV

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

### [Philippians 4:19](#) ESV

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

### [2 Corinthians 5:5](#) ESV

He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

Lord, you are greater, more powerful and loving than I can comprehend, and your promises are too glorious for me to fully believe. You saved me from utter destruction by giving me faith in Christ, repentance, forgiveness and eternal life. You have given me all things, yet what I do for you is paltry, and oftentimes reluctantly and with ill motives. I am not holy, nor do I have a burning desire to be holy. So I pray that you will give me the desire to be obedient; the desire to devote

more time to your Word, to pray more fervently and more often, to want to become holy. You have given me the gift of faith, of belief in you and your Word, yet I don't come close to living as you teach. Many times I have developed good habits by doing a thing again and again, and even though I didn't embrace doing them in the beginning, eventually they became enjoyable to do and disappointing to miss. Could it be that you require me to "work" at being sanctified? I know I was dead when you saved me, and I had nothing to do with my salvation, and you promise my sanctification...have I erred in waiting for you to motivate me?

I pray for forgiveness that I always want a sign, a miracle of your power and work. Sounds like unbelief and sloth. Please Lord, compel me to do the things I need to do to cooperate with your Spirit in my sanctification. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.