



MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME

OUR Father in heaven, for the sanctifying and glorifying of your holy name, let your kingdom come. The kingdom is yours, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come from you. You reign over all. In your hand is power and might that can make people great, and give strength to all. We delight to speak of the glorious majesty of your kingdom, for it is an everlasting kingdom. Your dominion endures throughout all generations. You rule perpetually by your power. Your eyes watch over the nations. Do not let the rebellious continue to exalt themselves, but through the greatness of your power let your enemies submit themselves to you. *1 Chron.* 29:11, 12; *Psa.* 145:11, 13; 66:7, 3.

Make it clear that the kingdom is yours, and that you govern the nations. Make it so evident that people are compelled to testify among the nations, 'The Covenant LORD reigns.' Let all men fear you. Let them declare your works, saying: 'Surely he is God who judges throughout the earth.' Make all the kings of the earth know that the God of heaven rules among men. Lead them to acknowledge that the Most High exercises dominion over the empires of men, for he gives authority to anyone he desires. Let them praise, extol, and honour you as King of heaven. O Lord, all your works are truth and your ways are just. Humble those who walk in pride. *Psa.* 22:28; 96:10; 64:9; 58:11; *Dan.* 4:25, 26, 37.

Let the kingdom of your grace prevail more and more in this fallen world. Yet guard us from thinking your kingdom will come in a form that can be detected by the careful scrutiny of men. Let us by faith see your kingdom in our midst by the presence of Christ. Let his kingdom be like yeast, diffusing its life-giving power until the whole world has been permeated by his gracious rule. Enlighten our

minds so we can see his kingdom in this world as a grain of mustard seed, which begins as the smallest of all seeds and yet grows until it becomes the greatest among shrubs. *Luke* 17:20, 21; *Matt.* 13:31-33.

Let the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ. Assume to yourself your own great power and reign throughout the world even though the nations rage against you. Set up your throne where Satan's seat of power is located. Let every thought be brought into submission to you. May the law of your kingdom be magnified and honoured by all men. Let your kingdom that does not come in word only, but in power, be set up throughout the world. Stretch forth your mighty sceptre from your throne in the heavenly Mount Zion. Rule in the beauty of holiness. *Rev.* 11:15-18; 2:13; *2 Cor.* 10:5; *Isa.* 42:21; *1 Cor.* 4:20; *Psa.* 110:2, 3.

Satan as a strong man fully armed has been guarding his palace for many long years. His possessions have remained undisturbed. Let Christ, who is stronger than he, now launch his attack. Let Christ strip him of all his armour in which he trusts. Let our Lord Jesus distribute Satan's looted goods as he wishes. Give to the Son of Man dominion, glory, and a kingdom so that all peoples, nations and languages may serve him. Turn over the judgment of the peoples to the saints of the Most High. *Luke* 11:21, 22; *Dan.* 7:13, 14, 22.

Let the kingdom of your grace be manifest more and more throughout our land and in the places where we live. Let your word have free course and be glorified. Do not let your kingdom be taken from us and given over to a nation bringing forth its proper fruits, even though we deserve it. Let your gracious kingdom permeate all our lives, so that our bodies can be proper temples of the Holy Spirit. Let no iniquity have dominion over us. Overturn, overturn, overturn the power of corruption inherent in us. Let the prophesied One, who has the right to rule, come to us.

Make us altogether willing in the day of your power. Rule in us by your truth. As people of the truth, enable us to always hear Christ's voice. Let us not only call him 'Lord, Lord', but also do the things he says. Let the love of Christ control and constrain us. Let our eyes be fixed on fearing him, so that we do not sin. *2 Thess. 3:1; Matt. 21:43; 1 Cor. 3:16; Psa. 119:133; Ezek. 21:27; Psa. 110:3; John 18:37; Luke 6:46; 2 Cor. 5:14; Exod. 20:20.*

Let your glorious kingdom come quickly. Inspire us to believe it is coming soon. Move us to look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus, to come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Keep us hoping that he will appear soon to inspire our joy. Teach us to love the prospect of his appearing. Let us look forward constantly to the arrival of the Day of God. Make us ready so we can lift up our heads with joy, knowing that our redemption is drawing near. Make us fully conscious of the firstfruits of the Spirit's presence in us, that we may groan within ourselves as we eagerly wait for our full adoption, which is the redemption of our bodies. Arouse within us a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better than continuing any longer in our present state. *Rev. 22:7, 12; Phil. 3:20; Matt. 24:30; Isa. 66:5; 2 Tim. 4:8; 2 Pet. 3:12; Matt. 24:44; Luke 21:28; Rom. 8:23; Phil. 1:23.*

Glorified Jesus, always be with your people, and especially with your ministers who go into the world to make disciples of all the nations. Be with them even to the consummation of the age, just as you promised. You have declared, 'Be sure that I am coming soon.' Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Come quickly, as soon as the mystery of the Father's working in this world is finished. *Matt. 28:19, 20; Rev. 22:20; 10:7.*