

The LORD'S Prayer

First, "Thy name, Thy kingdom, Thy will;"
then, "Give us, Forgive us, Lead us, Deliver us."
The lesson is of more importance than we think.
In true worship the Father must be first, must be all.
~Andrew Murray

Praying the Lord's Prayer forces us to look for things to thank and praise God for in our dark times, and it presses us to repent and seek forgiveness during times of prosperity and success. It disciplines us to bring every part of our lives to God.
~Timothy Keller, 20th century theologian

The Lord's Prayer may be committed to memory quickly,
but it is slowly learned by heart.
~Frederick Denison Maurice, 19th century theologian



This year, using our theme: *Praying with an Open Heart*, we will spend Lent evening services studying God's gift of the best prayer outline, *The Lord's Prayer*. Each week, concluding with Easter Sunday, we will focus on a petition of the prayer. May this time of study and rededication be a blessing to us as we make the Lent journey to its destination: the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus!

Holy Week Worship

- ◆ Palm Sunday | March 29, 8 & 10:45am
- ◆ Maundy Thursday | April 2, 7pm
- ◆ Good Friday Tre-Ore | April 3, 12-3pm
- ◆ Good Friday Tenebrae | April 3, 7pm
- ◆ Easter Sunrise | April 5, 6:30am
- ◆ Resurrection of Our Lord | April 5, 8 & 10:45am

Lent Wednesday Schedule

- ◆ Soup Supper | 5:15pm
- ◆ Quiet Prayer | 6:15pm, Sanctuary
- ◆ Worship | 6:30pm,
with Children's Chat



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March 4, 2026

Lent Wednesday 3



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

Please enter quietly for worship and respect those who are praying.

QUIET PRAYER

This is quiet time for us to spend with our church Family and our Lord.
If you wish, you may:

- take a prayer request paper as you enter the sanctuary
- fill it out with your request(s)
- fold and place in the baskets on the altar, at the foot of the cross

This prayer basket will be lifted up during the worship prayer time.

INVOCATION *Pastor Ben Oesch*

Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 19:14

P: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

ALL: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS

with Luther's Evening Prayer

P: We pray together:

ALL: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven.

C: Amen!

HYMN # 766:1-3 "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-15

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel."

Luke 4:42-43

And when it was day, Jesus departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought Him and came to Him, and would have kept Him from leaving

them, but He said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."

Matthew 6:9a, 10a & c

Pray then like this: "Your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven."

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

P: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S CHAT *Jodie Stoltenow*

CATECHISM LEARNING

P: We pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come." What is the kingdom of God?

C: **God's kingdom is His gracious rule and reign.**

Women/Girls: God's kingdom was promised in the Old Testament and arrived when Jesus was born on earth. Jesus proclaimed it throughout His ministry and by His death and resurrection.

ALL: "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:13-14)

Men/Boys: God's kingdom comes to us now by His Spirit through His Word.

ALL: "Asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus answered, 'Behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.'" (Luke 17:20-21)

P: God's kingdom certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray that it may come to us also. This happens when, by the Holy Spirit's power, we believe His Word and lead Godly lives. How else does it happen?

C: **When we pray "Thy kingdom come," we also ask that God's Word would be proclaimed throughout the world, including by us.**

P: Every kingdom or nation on earth has problems. If God has ushered in His kingdom through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, why do we still see so many problems in the world today?

C: **Christ's present but hidden reign as King is being extended by the Spirit through the Gospel. It will not be fully revealed until Christ returns in glory.**

ALL: "There were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!'" (Revelation 11:15)

MESSAGE "Thy Kingdom Come, on Earth as It Is in Heaven" *Pastor Stoltenow*

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VOLUNTARY *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

violin: Quaid Barnthson, Ben Barstad, Samantha McMahon; viola: Patrick Barnthson



OFFERING PRAYER

P: Holy God, every good gift comes from Your gracious hand. Receive these gifts in thanksgiving for Your goodness to us.

C: **Make of our lives a living sacrifice, that we may give witness to the world of the abundance of Your grace in Jesus Christ. Amen!**

PRAYERS

Matthew 11:28; Psalm 34:15; 1 Peter 3:12

P: Father in heaven, give us Your Holy Spirit so that we believe Your Holy Word and live as members of Your gracious kingdom here in time and finally, by Your mercy, be brought to live as members of Your heavenly Kingdom under Your everlasting reign; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Our Father in heaven, we offer these prayers to You. Jesus promised, "Come to me with your burdens, and I will give you rest." And we trust Your word that says, "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayer." As the Holy Spirit cries out to You on our behalf, hear and respond according to Your loving and gracious will.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C: **OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME, THY KINGDOM COME, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD OF BLESSING

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: **Amen!**

HYMN # 887 "Now the Light Has Gone Away"

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠

Your Kingdom Come!

Before we can pray, "Thy kingdom come," we must be willing to pray, "My kingdom go."
~Alan Redpath

This petition separates the Christian from the non-Christian, because we are inviting conflict and struggle. Strap on the Gospel armor and ready yourself for battle, knowing Christ has already won the final victory, and pray: "Lord, now let Your kingdom come!"
~R.Z. Meyer

Have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the Kingdom!
~H.W. Zimmermann

In the Beatitudes (Matthew Ch. 5), Jesus describes how His kingdom is unlike all other earthly kingdoms. See also John 18:33-37. For more descriptions from Jesus on the kingdom of heaven, see Matthew Ch. 13 (parallel readings: Mark Ch. 4, Luke Chs. 8, 13).
Ephesians Ch. 4 also gives a description of Spirit-filled kingdom-life.