

# THE PRIVILEGE OF Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

## The Framework of Prayer (review):

1. The Right to Pray (v. 9a)
  2. Prayer of Reverence (v. 9b)
  3. Prayer for Christ's Return (v. 10a)
  4. Prayer of Relinquishing (v. 10b)
  5. Prayer's Request (v. 11)
  6. Prayer of Reconciliation (v. 12)
  7. Prayer for Resistance (v. 13a)
  8. The Ruler of Prayer (v. 13b)
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### 3. Prayer for Christ's Return (10a)

*Jesus modeled that we should pray for God's kingdom to come. John echoes this prayer in his closing words of the Bible by praying, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20). Though the coming kingdom of the Lord has not been established yet, we (saved people) are citizens with the mandate to proclaim it and to live according to its rules (1 Pet. 2:9).*

- a. Kingdom Requirements
  - 1) A \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ to rule
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Kingdom Definitions

*When the Bible speaks of God's kingdom in different terms, it refers to the same thing, but it emphasizes different aspects.*

- 1) "Kingdom of God" emphasizes the \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom (found in 91 verses in the New Testament).

2) “Kingdom of heaven” emphasizes the \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom (found in 40 New Testament verses).

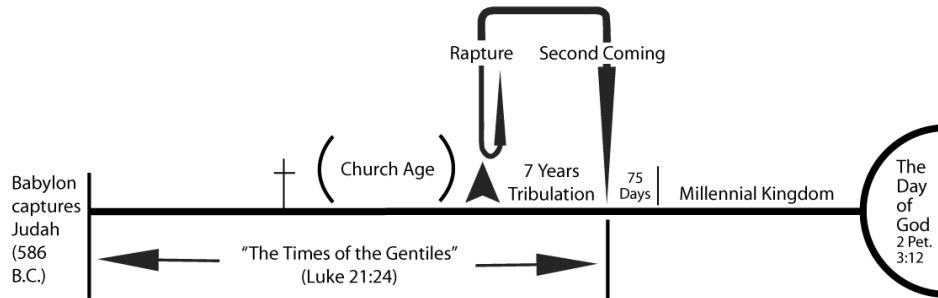
c. Kingdom Characteristics (adapted from J. Dwight Pentecost)

*In contrast to today’s world, it is obvious why we need to pray for it to come! God describes His coming kingdom in the following ways:*

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| 1) Peace (Isa. 2:4)                | 12) No Oppression (Zech. 9:11-12)         |
| 2) Joy (Isa. 9:3-4)                | 13) Maturity (Isa. 65:20)                 |
| 3) Holiness (Isa. 1:26-27)         | 14) Reproduction (Jer. 30:20)             |
| 4) Glory (Isa. 24:23)              | 15) Labor (Ez. 48:18-19)                  |
| 5) Comfort (Isa. 12:1-2)           | 16) Economic Prosperity (Joel 2:21-27)    |
| 6) Justice (Isa. 9:7)              | 17) Increased Light (Zech. 2:5)           |
| 7) Full Knowledge (Isa. 11:1-2, 9) | 18) Unified Language (Zeph. 3:9)          |
| 8) Instruction (Isa. 2:2-3)        | 19) Unified Worship (Mal. 1:11)           |
| 9) Curse Removed (Isa. 11:6-9)     | 20) Fullness of the Spirit (Joel 2:28-29) |
| 10) No Sickness (Jer. 30:17)       |   |
| 11) Protection (Jer. 32:27)        |   |

d. Kingdom Timeline

*Looking at the Bible in Its literal sense gives us knowledge of “when” the kingdom of God will come. Both testaments present a coming time when Christ the Messiah will rule.*



e. Kingdom Practice (Matthew 6:33).

*Praying for God's kingdom to come will affect the way that we live our lives now as its citizens. In light of the kingdom, are you...*

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 5:20; 7:21; 19:23, 24; 21:31; 22:14; Jn. 3:3-5; 1 Cor. 15:50)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 5:3; 11:11-12; 18:1ff; Mark 10:23-25; Luke 6:20; 7:28; 18:16-25)
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Persecution (Matt. 5:10; Luke 10:11; 2 Thess. 1:5)
- 4) Teaching and \_\_\_\_\_ God's commands (Matt. 5:19; Luke 8:1, 10; Acts 8:12; 28:31)
- 5) Living \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 6:33; Rom. 14:17; 1 Cor. 6:9)
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 10:7; 13:24-30, 33; 23:13; Mark 1:14-15; 4:26; Luke 4:43; 8:1, 10; 9:60; 10:9; 16:16)
- 7) Possessing \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 13:31; 18:4; 19:14; Mark 4:30; Luke 13:29; 23:51)
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_ the Kingdom (Matt. 13:44-46; 6:33; Mark 9:47; 10:14-15; Luke 12:31)
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 18:21-35)
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 25:14; Mark 12:34-37; 15:43; Luke 9:11, 62; 17:20-21; 19:11)

When we pray for the Lord's kingdom to come, we are reminded of our walk and position as its citizens.

# Prayer Journal

## Focus this week: Christ's Return

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Request: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Answered: \_\_\_\_\_

What God did: \_\_\_\_\_

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