



# Teach us to pray

*A sermon series on the Lord's Prayer*

## Praying For His Kingdom

Matthew 6:10

# How We Address God in Prayer (Matt. 5:9a)

**Our** = draws our little stories into God's grander story.

**Father** = Gospel truth of sonship through Christ. . . we are one with God.

**in Heaven** = Sovereign reign of God, as we pray we enter the throne room of heaven.

# 1st Petition (Matt. 6:9b)

***“Hallowed be your name”:***

May God’s name be revered and glorified.

Jesus teaches us, that God’s glory must be the starting point and priority of all our prayers and petitions

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen.

9 Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

- Matthew 6:9-10



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## Church of England prayer advert banned by UK cinemas - video

“The UK’s three leading cinema chains have refused to show an advert by the Church of England that features the Lord’s Prayer, citing fears that it could offend people. They refused to show the advert because they believe it “carries the risk of upsetting, or offending, audiences”.

- Guardian article, 2015

# God's Dominion in Scripture

**Psalms 22:28** — “For dominion belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the nations.”

**Psalms 47:8** — “God reigns over the nations; God is seated on His holy throne.”

**Job 12:23** — “He makes nations great and destroys them; He enlarges nations and leads them away.”

**1 Timothy 6:15-16** — Christ is “the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.”

## **Matthew 6:10**

**Main Idea:** These petitions express our heart's yearning for God's Kingdom and Will to break into the darkness of this world.

- **vs 10a:** Your kingdom come
- **vs 10b:** Your will be done
- **vs 10c:** on earth as in Heaven



**The kingdom of God:**

The space where God's rule and reign is manifest.

Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

- Mark 1:14-15

15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and 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.” 16 And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying, “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. 18 The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.”

- Revelation 11:15-18

# The “Already” But “Not Yet” Kingdom of God

**The Already of the Kingdom:** Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus’ rule and reign is here in our midst as Lord of our hearts, individually and collectively as a church.

**The Not-yet of the Kingdom:** The fullness of God’s power and glory has yet to come and until Jesus returns Satan, the enemy rages in the hearts of those who reject Jesus’ lordship. So we await Jesus’ return to establish his kingdom forever and ever.

# Practically Praying: "Your Kingdom Come"

**Inward Aspect:** The expansion of God's kingdom (his rule and reign) in our own lives/hearts.





*“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”*

— Luke 6:46

- The **question** isn't whether Jesus is willing to be Lord. The question is whether we're willing to hand Him all the keys to our lives.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price."

— 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

17For the **kingdom of God** is not a matter of eating and drinking  
but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. -  
Romans 14:17

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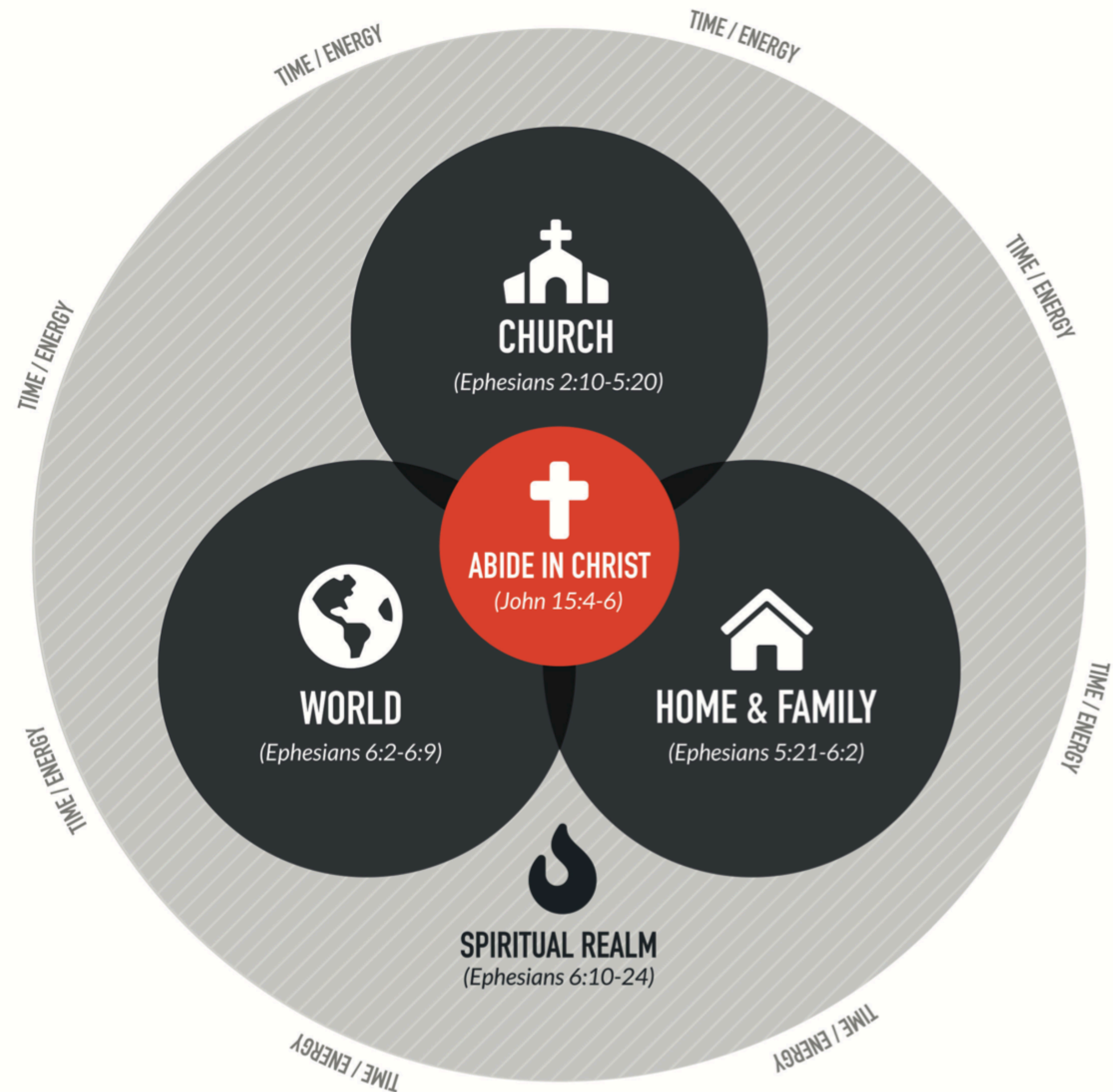
**Inward Aspect:** The expansion of God's kingdom (his rule and reign) in our own lives/hearts.

**Outward Aspect:** The expansion of God's Kingdom upon this earth.

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

- Matthew 28:18-20

# THE FIVE SPHERES







“The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. 32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

- Matthew 13:31-32

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

- Matthew 6:33

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”- John 6:40

For this is the will of God, your sanctification. - 1 Thessalonians 4:3

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.- 1 Peter 2:15

# What Is the “Will of God”?

- Everyone might kneel before Jesus as King (John 6:40)
- That we be sanctified, made holy. (1 Thess. 4:3)
- Give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thess. 5:18)
- That we would be obedient. (1 Peter 2:15)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- Romans 12:2



Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

20 Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, 21 nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

- Luke 17:20-21

# 2nd Petition (Matt. 6:10a)

*“Your Kingdom come”*

**Kingdom of God:** The space where God’s rule and reign is manifest.

- **Inward Aspect:** The expansion of God’s kingdom (his rule and reign) in our own lives/hearts.
- **Outward Aspect:** The expansion of God’s Kingdom upon this earth.

# 3rd Petition (Matt. 6:10b)

*“Your will be done”*

Means praying for God’s wants and desires to become our wants and desires.

- Everyone might kneel before Jesus as King (John 6:40)
- That we be sanctified, made holy. (1 Thess. 4:3)
- Give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thess. 5:18)
- That we would be obedient. (1 Peter 2:15)

# Bookends: “heaven on earth” (Matt 6:9c +10c)

*“on earth as it is in heaven”*

These petitions are asking for heaven to invade earth with God’s glory, God’s kingdom, and God’s will.

The only person who dares wake up a king at 3:00 AM for a glass of water is a child. We have that kind of access.

- Tim Keller



