

Thy Kingdom Come Week of Prayer 24th - 31st May 2020



Reflection on the Lord's Prayer. Matthew 6, 9-15

Worship from Home

This week, as part of Thy Kingdom Come week of prayer, we're learning about how God would like us to pray.

Even Jesus' closest friends, the disciples, wanted to know how to pray.

Jesus wants us to pray with our own words to tell Him our needs, give Him thanks, praise Him, and tell Him what we're sorry for.

Sunday 24th May (Sunday after Ascension) "Our Father in Heaven" v.9.

As people of God, we don't live as isolated individuals but as children of the same Father. God likes us when we call Him Father,

He wants us to talk to Him just like we talk to our own father.

Reflections

Prayer should not be selfish. It reminds us that we are part of God's family and others are our brothers & sisters because God is their father too. How do you treat others?

Pray for others in your community, your Church, your family.....

Monday 25th May "Hallowed be thy name" v.9

Hallowed means holy. Hallowed be thy name means that His name will be recognised by everyone throughout the world. We have to worship God and praise Him for His love.

Reflections

We should begin our prayers with worship to God because he is so worthy of it.

Prayer: Praise God for who he is for you, your friends, families...*(In your own words)*

Tuesday 26th May

"Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done" v.10

The Bible says that in heaven there will be no more crying, there will be no more hunger, pains, sufferings or hurt there.

Reflections:

We are praying that people live in peace, and harmony in the earth.

We are asking that God's Kingdom surrounds us in our everyday life.

Prayer: Pray for the World in this difficult time of covid-19. Ask for peace, for a vaccine against this virus.

Wednesday 27th May "Give us this day our daily bread" v.11

This reminds us not to take for granted everything we have. We depend on God for daily physical and spiritual food.

Reflections

We are recognising that all things we need come to us from God. We're asking God to continue to give us not only the physical food we need but also the bread of life, the Eucharist.

Pray for those who are hungry world-wide;
Pray for peace and justice in the world.

Thursday 28th May

"Forgive us our trespass as we forgive those who trespass against us" v.12

This part of the prayer is a tough one.

Forgiving someone is often easier said than done.

Only God can give us the strength to do it through prayer.

Thursday 28th May (cont)

Reflections

How can we ask God to be merciful and forgive our sins if we're holding a grudge or refuse to forgive someone who's wronged us?

Pray for those in conflicts. Those who work to alleviate sufferings.

Friday 29th May

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”. v.13

It's sometimes very tempting to do something you are not supposed to. This part asks God protection and help in overcoming sin and Satan's attacks on us.

Reflections

We ask God to protect us against the evil that is in the world, and to keep us away from it. So, we need our Father, to set up the road and lead us far from the path of temptation.

Prayer: We pray for the dying. Look with love on our dying brothers & sisters.

Saturday 30th May

“For thine is the Kingdom, and power, the glory, forever”.

The last part of the prayer is the best part. For yours is the Kingdom means that Heaven will last forever and will always be God.

God also has the power and all the glory **FOREVER**.

It makes us happy knowing that God will never die, and He is the strongest and greatest. With God we will always win.

Reflections

This part means that we want to be part of His Kingdom. We must trust Him to teach us how to pray.

Prayer: A Thanksgiving prayer for everything the Lord is doing for you and family.

Sunday 31st May

(Pentecost) “Amen!”

This part means that “I don't know when or how, but I know Jesus will answer my prayer.

Prayer for the Unity of Christians:

For Christians, offering praise to God is daily calling. We are called to worship not only with our lips but in our lives. Christians are called to live out their faith together and individually. “Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you”.

Prayers: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger; order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.