

Teach Us to Pray

Reflection Questions | Matthew 6:10

¹⁰Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

1. Jesus begins the Lord's prayer talking about the Lord as Father, then quickly moves to speak of Him as King. What do you feel or associate with a king?
2. A king reigns over His kingdom. Can you spend time thinking about God's Kingdom? Pastor Giorgio says there is a concreteness to God's Kingdom. How do you see this?
3. Pastor Giorgio says that we are primarily Kingdom receivers. It happens in and through us. How do you experience this?
4. Pastor Giorgio would say that there is something fundamentally supernatural and also concrete to this reality. As we pray for His Kingdom to come, we can look for it around us. We should have our eyes peeled. His Kingdom is coming. How have you seen God's Kingdom coming? What do you think God's Kingdom coming looks like?
5. Some would love a dramatic rendering of His Kingdom coming. But even in the stories of good versus evil where evil is vanquished in a big battle, there were painfully long days, travels, and battles to get to this end. These are our days. How would you describe your days recently - hard, painful, busy, tiring, fruitful, anxious, fun, boring, long, etc.

6. We are primary receivers of this Kingdom. This Kingdom transformation is happening in us and through us, and it occurs today - not just at the end of days. So, what does this mean for our to do list or google calendar or the fact that we may not want to get out of bed some days. This Kingdom comes in the middle of all of our painful, long, beautiful, or busy days. Where could you block out some time to ask God for His Kingdom to come and to look and ponder ways you see it happening around you?

7. What are your first thoughts when you read that we are to pray, “**Your will be done**” to our Lord? Why do we need to ask Him this?

8. How do we do this? Our King Jesus - the King of the Kingdom has modeled this for us. The night before His crucifixion, as he faced the agony of betrayal, torture, death, and separation from the Father, He spoke “**Not my will but yours be done.**” How does this encourage you as you pray?

9. So, we pray “**Your will be done.**” How do we even begin to know what the Lord’s will is?

10. Jesus said all the commands can be summed in this, “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul, and to love your neighbor as yourself.**” How does this truth inform how you pray for His will?