

**Colossians 3:16**

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
teaching and admonishing one another  
in all wisdom,  
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*



*This second of five devotionals focuses on each of the five petitions of the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is not only intended to be a stand-alone prayer, but also a model to guide us in framing our own prayers. Each petition is both very concise and very comprehensive. The Scriptures below for each petition are meant to help us open up our prayers, to reach deeper in and higher up.*

**Scripture for "Your kingdom come."**

***I Chronicles 29:11-12** Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup> Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.*

***Psalms 145:11, 13** They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.*

***Luke 17:20-21** 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, <sup>21</sup> nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."*

**Scripture for "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."**

***Psalms 135:6** Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.*

***Isaiah 46:9-10** I am God, and there is none like me, <sup>10</sup> declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'*

***Matthew 7:21** Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*

***Matthew 26:39** And going a little farther Jesus fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."*

***Romans 12:2** 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.*

***Hebrews 10:36** For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.*

## **Heidelberg Catechism**

*What does the request “your kingdom come” mean?*

Our Father in heaven, rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you. Keep your church strong, and add to it. Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your Word. Do this until your kingdom is so complete and perfect that in it you are all in all. Amen. (Q/A 123)

*What does the request “your will be done” mean?*

Our Father in heaven, help us and all people to reject our own wills and to obey your will without any back talk. Your will alone is good. Help us one and all to carry out the work we are called to, as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven. Amen.(Q/A 124)

## **Song**

*Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

### ***Take My Life and Let It Be***

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in endless praise, let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

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## **Prayer**

***II Chronicles 7:14*** *If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

For the sanctifying and glorifying of your holy name, Father in heaven, let your kingdom come; for yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give

strength to all. And we desire to speak of the glory of your kingdom, for it is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

You rule by your might forever; your eyes keep watch on the nations. O let not the rebellious exalt themselves, but through the greatness of your power let your enemies come cringing to you.

O make it to appear that kingship belongs to you, and that you rule over the nations; make it so evident that they may say among the nations, "The Lord reigns"; that all mankind may fear and may tell what God has brought about, and may say, "Surely there is a God who judges on earth."

And as evidence that your kingdom comes, and in order to the sanctifying of your name, Father in heaven, let your holy will be done. We know, O LORD, that whatever you please, that you do in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps; your counsel shall stand, and you will accomplish all your purpose: Even so let it be, Holy Father, not our will, but yours, be done. As you have planned, so let it be, and as you have purposed, so let it stand. Do all according to the counsel of your will. Make even those to serve your purposes who have not known you, and who do not so intend, nor do their hearts so think.

Father, let your will be done concerning us and ours: Behold, here we are; it is the LORD, let him do to us what seems good to him; let the will of the Lord be done. O give us to submit to your will in conformity to the example of the Lord Jesus who said, "Not as I will, but as you will"; and to say, "The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. Shall we receive good from the Lord, and shall we not receive evil also?"

(from Matthew Henry's Method for Prayer)