

## The Lord's Prayer: Thy Will Be Done

Psalm 40 ❖ Matthew 6:10b

"God is so powerful that He can accomplish **His will** in weakness as well as in strength, in defeat as well as in victory.

If we know about the accomplishment of **His will** in a Man dying on a cross, how can we think that He can be powerfully at work only where we see glorious success and triumph? How can we limit Him by thinking that He can accomplish **His will** only in the heights and not in the depths, in happiness and not in sorrow, in great and not in small things, in success and not in failure? Could it be that we often look for Almighty God in the wrong places?"  
("Christian Doctrine," Shirley Guthrie, p. 121)

### "My Kingdom Come" or "Thy Kingdom Come"

In the second request re. God in the Lord's Prayer, "**Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven**," Jesus taught us to ask God to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives and for the world to be God's \_\_\_\_\_.

If God isn't the King of your \_\_\_\_\_, you can't do, you won't do His \_\_\_\_\_, which is the third request re. God in the Lord's Prayer.

### God's Will Is Not Always Being Done

When we pray, "**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven**," we acknowledge there is a \_\_\_\_\_ between what is and what ought to be.

We often say, "That's not \_\_\_\_\_," because things that are obviously not God's will continue to happen in our lives and in the world.

Do you want to be part of making things better? Then \_\_\_\_\_ this petition!

### "My Will Be Done" or "Thy Will Be Done"

"Our wills are sometimes in \_\_\_\_\_ with God's will," ("A Christian Primer," Albert Curry Winn, p. 50) so we need to pray, "Thy will be done, beginning with \_\_\_\_\_."

That is what David prayed in Psalm 40: "\_\_\_\_ desire to do Your will, O my God" (v. 8a).

"Like clay in the hand of the \_\_\_\_\_, so are you in My hand," declares the LORD (Jeremiah 18:6).

"Have \_\_\_\_\_ own way, Lord! Have \_\_\_\_\_ own way!  
Thou art the Potter, I am the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Mold me and make me after Thy \_\_\_\_\_,  
While I am waiting, \_\_\_\_\_ and still."

### God's Will

We often say, "It is God's will" when we are talking about accepting things we don't \_\_\_\_\_, but that is unfortunate because everything that happens is \_\_\_\_\_ necessarily the will of God. God often works through \_\_\_\_\_ things to accomplish His will. (Romans 8:28)

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed, "**Abba, take this cup from Me. Yet not what \_\_\_\_\_ will, but what \_\_\_\_\_ will**" (Mark 14:36).

The word "will" means "strong \_\_\_\_\_."

The Bible teaches that God wills:

- 1) L\_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:16)
- 2) L\_\_\_\_\_ for God (Mark 12:30)
- 3) L\_\_\_\_\_ for neighbor (Mark 12:31)

"God is going to assert His \_\_\_\_\_, whatever may be the forces that oppose or hinder it." ("The Lord's Prayer," Ernest F. Scott, p. 95)

### The Serenity Prayer

"God, grant me the serenity to  
\_\_\_\_\_ the things I cannot change,  
\_\_\_\_\_ to change the things I can,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time,  
Accepting \_\_\_\_\_ as a pathway to peace;  
Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it \_\_\_\_\_, not as \_\_\_\_\_ would have it,  
Trusting that You will make all things right,  
As I surrender to Your \_\_\_\_\_;  
So that I may be reasonably happy in \_\_\_\_\_ life  
And supremely happy with You forever in the \_\_\_\_\_;  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."  
(Reinhold Niebuhr, 1934)