

"Our Father in heaven, Your name be honored as holy. YOUR KINGDOM COME." Matthew 6:9-10

When Jesus teaches us to pray "Your Kingdom come" He is not referring to a physical kingdom. Rather, Jesus is referring to His sovereignty and reign within you! (Luke 17:20-21) When you surrendered your life to Jesus, you became part of God's Kingdom. His Spirit lives in you! Jesus is calling the believer to pray for God's reign in every aspect, every territory of their life. But there is more!

The words that Jesus prayed, "Your Kingdom come," should not only be understood as God's reign and control in us, but also as a prayer for God's Kingdom to spread through us. (Luke 13:18-21) The book of Acts chronicles the very movement and work of the Holy Spirit to spread the Kingdom of God through the ministry of the apostles and other believers.

Finally, with these three simple words, Jesus taught us to pray for God's Kingdom to come in a way that is once and for all. The Greek grammar of "Your Kingdom come" helps to give us a picture of why this is true. The words convey the idea of a one-time act with implications that are ongoing, meaning that God's Kingdom has come in Christ and is continuing to come through us until a final moment where it will be here once and for all! (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

Pray this with the body...

Speak praise to the Lord, thanking Him for your salvation and revealing Jesus as the King and the Way through whom we may enter into His Kingdom.

Pray that the Kingdom of God would continue to spread in your own life. Ask the Lord to reveal those areas that you have not relented control; pray the same for all of Grove. (Galatians 5:19-21)

Ask your Heavenly Father to use you to spread the Kingdom of God to others. Pray that God would move in you and in us as a body to see every believer seek first the Kingdom of God. (Matthew 6:33) Pray that we would give God our time, our talents, our gifts, our treasures, and our lives for the sake of the gospel so others may follow Jesus.

Pray that God would work in your heart and in our hearts, together to point one another to the second coming of our Savior! Pray we would not hold tightly to any tradition but would do whatever is necessary to follow Jesus to transform generations and nations. Pray we would see the Kingdom of God come through us for as many as possible...because time is short!

This week we have a team working among an unreached people in Central Asia as a part of a church planting effort. Pray the Holy Spirit would usher the Kingdom of God into the hearts of the people in Central Asia, not only through our team, but also through prayers from around the world.

