

*Our Father in heaven, Your name be honored as holy. Your Kingdom come.
YOUR WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. **Matthew 6:9-10***

After “praying God’s Kingdom come,” Jesus prays, “Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Jesus continued showing His disciples, and ultimately all believers, that prayer involves aligning our hearts with His. When we think about praying God’s desires and God’s will, most likely one question comes to mind: “How do we know what to pray when praying God’s will? What is His will?” While that is a much deeper question for another time, Jesus gives us an amazing window into some of God’s will and desire for those who follow Him. Jesus shows this to us in His garden prayer before heading to the cross. Here are some of the things Jesus desired, things we know are God’s will:

- 1. For the glory and greatness of God (John 17:1)*
- 2. For protection from the evil one (John 17:15)*
- 3. For spiritual transformation through the Word of God (John 17:16-17)*
- 4. For oneness of the body of Christ, as the Father and the Son are one, for the sake of the gospel (John 17:20-21)*

Pray this with the body...

Praise your Heavenly Father for how He would desire to use us, as a broken people, to display His greatness and glory! Identify the ways He is using you to bring glory to His name. Confess areas where you are failing. Pray our motivation would be His glory.

Pray our discernment as a whole body of Christ is for Him and His glory. Pray that we may see His vision for how we should follow Jesus to transform generations and nations. How many new churches need to be started? Where should we go, in Richmond and around the world? How will we serve the people for the sake of proclaiming the gospel?

Ask God to protect you, our church, and our leaders from the evil one.

Pray for spiritual transformation, both for yourself and the entire body. Pray that God would ignite a desire in the body for His Word and to share His Word with others, both inside and outside the body.

Pray for our oneness as a body. Pray for genuine care between believers. Ask God to transform you to help us become the kind of community others need. Pray that we would love one another in a way that confirms the truth of the gospel to the world around us. Ask God to make it evident where we fail so that we may repent, individually and corporately.

