

*"Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, Your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. Amen. **Matthew 6:9-13***

While there is some argument as to whether this was part of the original text in Matthew, "For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever" is a powerful reminder of who we pray to. Every aspect of prayer and life is about our Heavenly Father and what He has set out to do. Look at what Isaiah records in chapter 42. This is prophecy that speaks about His servant Jesus.

### **Isaiah 42:5- 9(HCSB**

*<sup>5</sup>This is what God, Yahweh, says— who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and life to those who walk on it — <sup>6</sup>"I, Yahweh, have called You for a righteous purpose, and I will hold You by Your hand. I will keep You and appoint You to be a covenant for the people and a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>in order to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon, and those sitting in darkness from the prison house. <sup>8</sup>I am Yahweh, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another or My praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>The past events have indeed happened. Now I declare new events; I announce them to you before they occur."*

Sit and wonder how encouraged Jesus would have been to read His Father's words, to see how His Father would be with Him, the purpose He had decreed for Him to usher in the Kingdom of God. God spelled out His purpose for His Son:

**"I will appoint You to be a covenant for the people and a light to the nations."**

Our powerful Heavenly Father, who stretched out the heavens, spread out the earth, and gives breath and life to you and to me, provided a way for ALL PEOPLE to be made right with Him and bring glory to His name! We have been given a gift in Jesus and now we have the privilege to point others to the Light of the world! Are you encouraged that His is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever?



## Pray this with the body...

Sit and marvel at your Heavenly Father's creation. Praise Him for specific ways you see evidence of His work in Isaiah 42:5. Praise Him for the way He confirms the truth of Jesus through prophecy and His Word to help us know His heart for the world.

Pray for our church, and yourself, that we would be about our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Pray that we would have the heart of our Father and that we would intentionally seek to point people to the Light of the world. Ask the Lord to give us sight for what areas of our community, nation, and world have no gospel presence.

Ask the Lord to keep us focused on His power and not our own. Acknowledge the truth that His is the power, that He has every resource needed to see His Kingdom reign in Richmond and beyond.

Pray that we would be about the glory of our Heavenly Father. Ask God to remove anything that would keep us from being used to reflect His glory.

