

TEACH US TO

PRAY

A black silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, positioned in front of the large word 'PRAY'. The person is facing left, with their hands clasped in front of their chest. The background is a textured, golden-brown surface.



*Lord Teach Us*

**Are You Interested in Praying**

**Is the only time you eat when  
we plan a church fellowship meal**

**Is the only time you worship  
on Sundays at 10:30AM**

**Is the only time you open God's  
word during Sunday School  
or Corporate Study**

*to Pray*





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**If prayer becomes nothing more than some prepackaged church ministry with a label stuck on it that we feel some obligation to attend then.**

**We are solving the wrong problem!**

*to Pray*





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**This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.**

**Matthew 6:9-13**

*to Pray*



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**“Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven”**

**Why start here with prayer?**

**What exactly are we praying for here?**

**Did Jesus really mean that we  
are to seek heaven on earth?**

**It has to tie back to something  
we are to seek**

**It has to be something that is beneficial?**

*to Pray*





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# **The Kingdom and God's Will**

**“Kingdom of Heaven” not  
a synonym for heaven**

**We aren't talking about a kingdom  
in the "physical" sense**

**Kingdom: a country, state, or territory  
ruled by a king or queen**

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## **Finding the Kingdom of Heaven**

**God is the ruler (Revelation 11:15)**

**The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:**

**“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”**

*to Pray*



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## **Finding the Kingdom of Heaven**

**It's centered on repentance  
(Matthew 4:17)**

**From that time on Jesus began to preach,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven  
has come near.”**

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## **Finding the Kingdom of Heaven**

**The way to the kingdom is the more valuable  
than all your possessions combined**

**For a time both believers and unbelievers  
are in the kingdom of heaven**

**At some point the unbelievers will be separated out**

**It started small and grows big**

**It values humility over status**

**All are invited to come and those that  
don't are without excuse**

*to Pray*





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# Putting the Pieces Together

The kingdom of heaven began at Pentecost with arrival of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the church.

Where we are today the kingdom is in a growth mode where the church is to be actively seeking the lost and encouraging them toward repentance through a relationship with Christ

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## **Putting the Pieces Together**

**At some point the kingdom will enter a time of harvest where those that have placed their faith in him will continue that relationship eternally.**

**The Kingdom of Heaven is all about the Salvation of Humanity**

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## **God's Will**

**The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**

**2 Peter 3:9**

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## **God's Will**

**God's will is that none perish**

**He wants everybody to choose  
a relationship with him**

**He has made promises to those that do**

**But he is also waiting patiently for those  
promises to be ultimately fulfilled  
hoping others will come**

*to Pray*





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**Application: What are we praying for?**

**We are NOT praying for  
a speedy return of Jesus**

**In fact what we should be praying  
for is more time**

**We are praying for his "territory" here on earth  
(the church) to grow ultimately growing  
his kingdom in heaven**

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**Application: What are we praying for?**

**The growth is done by praying  
for his will to be done (none perish)**

**We are praying for all to come to the banquet**

**Notice this is where Jesus started**

**There is no prayer that is bigger than this one**

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**When we pray this we are asking  
God to give us a chance  
to make a difference**

**Romans 10:14**

**How, then, can they call on the one they have not  
believed in? And how can they believe in the one  
of whom they have not heard?**

**And how can they hear without someone  
preaching to them?**

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**If we are serious  
about prayer,  
we will be more serious about  
reaching the lost**



*to Pray*

# **Prayer Challenge**

## **The Parking Lot**

