



HOW DO WE PRAY?

AN 8 PART STUDY ON INTIMACY WITH GOD

Session 8: Yours Is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory

*Ending prayer in worship, trust,
and surrender*

Introduction – Where Prayer Finally Leads

The Lord's Prayer begins with relationship.

Our Father in heaven.

From that beginning, Jesus leads us through a series of movements that reshape how we understand both God and ourselves.

We learn reverence.

Holy is Your name.

We learn alignment with God's purposes.

Your Kingdom come.

Your will be done.

We learn dependence.

Give us today our daily bread.

We learn restoration.

Forgive us our sins.

We learn humility and watchfulness.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Now the prayer ends where all true prayer ultimately leads:

worship.

“For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

This final declaration reminds us that prayer does not end with our needs. It ends with the recognition that **God is greater than everything we face.**

Scripture Reading

Read the Lord's Prayer slowly.

Scripture: Matthew 6:9–13

⁹Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. ¹⁰May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us today the food we need, ¹²and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. ¹³And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.



Many Christian traditions conclude the prayer with a declaration of praise:

“For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

While this is not “officially” part of the prayer Jesus taught, it is scriptural.

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:11

“Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things.”

This closing statement has been prayed by Christians for centuries as a way of recognizing that everything ultimately belongs to God.

Key Idea

Prayer begins with relationship but returns again and again to worship, trust, and surrender to God's rule.

Movement 1 – Yours Is the Kingdom

The prayer began earlier with the request:

“Your Kingdom come.”

Now it ends with a declaration:

“Yours is the Kingdom.”

This statement is not a request. It is a recognition.

The Kingdom of God is not something humans create or establish. It already belongs to God.

Scripture repeatedly affirms that God rules over all creation.

Scripture: Psalm 103:19

¹⁹The Lord has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything.

This declaration reminds us that the world does not ultimately belong to political powers, cultural movements, or human ambition.

It belongs to God—and so do we!

To say **“Yours is the Kingdom”** is to acknowledge that God’s authority stands above every earthly authority.

It also means that now that we have surrendered ourselves to Him, our lives are part of a much larger story.



We are not simply living for our own purposes. We are participating in the unfolding work of God's Kingdom in the world.

Movement 2 – Yours Is the Power

The second declaration acknowledges that the ability to accomplish God's purposes comes from Him alone.

Human beings often live under the illusion that success depends entirely on our effort or strength.

But prayer reminds us that the power that sustains life does not originate with us.

Scripture: Jeremiah 32:17

¹⁷ “O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!”

God's power is seen in creation, in redemption, and in the ongoing work of restoration in the world.

The same power that brought the universe into existence is the power that raises hope out of despair and life out of death.

Recognizing that **“Yours is the power”** frees us from the burden of believing everything depends on us.

Prayer becomes an act of releasing control and trusting God's strength rather than our own. It's recognizing that what I am unable to do on my own, He is able to do through me.

Movement 3 – Yours Is the Glory

The third declaration speaks of God's glory.

In Scripture, glory refers to the visible expression of God's greatness, goodness, and holiness.

God's glory is revealed in His character—His justice, mercy, faithfulness, and love.

Scripture: Isaiah 6:3

³ They were calling out to each other, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!”

Human beings often seek recognition for themselves. We desire influence, reputation, and affirmation.

But the purpose of life is not ultimately our recognition.

It is the recognition of God's greatness.

When we pray **“Yours is the glory,”** we are acknowledging that the story of our lives is not centered on us. Our lives don't point at “perfect Christians.” Those don't exist. They point at a perfect Savior!



Prayer gradually reshapes our hearts so that we desire God's glory above our own success or reputation.

Movement 4 – Forever

The phrase “**forever**” reminds us that God's rule and glory are not temporary.

Human power fades quickly.

Empires rise and fall.

Cultural influence shifts.

But God's Kingdom is eternal.

Scripture: Daniel 7:14

¹⁴ He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.

This truth gives perspective to the challenges and uncertainties of life.

The difficulties we face today do not have the final word.

God does.

Prayer lifts our vision beyond the immediate circumstances of life and reminds us that we belong to an eternal Kingdom.

Movement 5 – The Meaning of Amen

The final word of the prayer is simple but significant.

Amen.

This word expresses agreement, trust, and confidence.

It means:

“Yes.”

“Let it be so.”

“This is true.”

When we say Amen, we are affirming that we trust what we have just prayed.

It is not merely the end of the prayer.

It is a declaration that we place our lives in God's hands.



Movement 6 – The Formation of a Life of Prayer

Looking back across the entire Lord's Prayer, we see that Jesus has given us more than a set of words.

He has given us a pattern for life with God.

Prayer begins with relationship.

It moves through reverence, surrender, dependence, forgiveness, and vigilance.

And it ends with worship.

Over time, this pattern shapes the way we see the world.

We begin to trust God more deeply.

We become more aware of His presence.

We learn to surrender control and live with humility.

Prayer becomes less about asking God to change circumstances and more about allowing God to transform our hearts.

Summary – The Final Declaration

The closing words of the Lord's Prayer remind us that:

God's Kingdom rules over all things.

God's power sustains the world.

God's glory is the purpose of creation.

God's reign is eternal.

Prayer ultimately leads us to worship and trust.

Reflection Questions

1. Why do you think the Lord's Prayer ends with worship rather than with requests?
 2. How does recognizing God's Kingdom change the way you see your own life?
 3. What does it mean to trust God's power rather than relying only on your own strength?
 4. Why is it important that God's Kingdom is described as eternal?
 5. Looking back over this study, how has your understanding of prayer changed?
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Personal Notes

(Use this space to record reflections, insights, or questions.)

Practice for the Week

This week, end your daily prayer with these words:

“Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.”

Allow this declaration to remind you that your life ultimately rests in God's hands.

Closing Thought

Prayer begins with calling God **Father**.

It ends with recognizing Him as **King**.

And in between, we learn to trust Him with every part of our lives.

