

As Above, So Below > Matthew 6:10

6:10a *God's kingdom.* Though Christ has already brought the kingdom to us through his life and work, the fullness of God's reign is not yet here. We pray that God's kingdom would be the way of life, the "way things are" here on earth; that the gospel mission of Christ's church would be successful.

6:10b *God's will.* Flowing from his kingdom, we are praying that God's will would be our rule, our desire – not just in the world around us, but in our own hearts as well.

6:10c *God's plan.* The picture to keep in mind, the summary of this kind of praying, is that we would want the perfect promises of heaven to be the reality here on earth for eternity. And this will happen when Christ comes!

Background: These first "petitions" of the Lord's Prayer all center upon our God. They put his will before our own, teaching us to desire what he wants first and foremost.

The Point: Christians pray for God's reign to be made evident to all, and for his glory to be seen by all. We yearn for the day when we will enjoy and experience his ways for eternity.

Head: What will it look like to submit to God's rule and will in this way? How should this pattern shape your prayers?

Heart: Believe that God's kingdom and will is absolutely best, it is to be desired above all else.

Hands: How will your praying reflect and prioritize God's kingdom and will being done in your life and in this world?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
