

Your Kingdom Come



What do you think of when you hear the word “kingdom”? If you like fairy tales, then you probably imagined a place that is pretty amazing! Well, God’s Kingdom is not a fairy tale, but it is amazing and it is already here. Praying “Your Kingdom Come” doesn’t mean that we are calling God’s Kingdom to come. When we pray this, we are asking that God’s Kingdom comes to us.

So, what does this mean?

Martin Luther believed that God’s Kingdom was “now, and not yet.” (That sounds really confusing, doesn’t it? So let’s break it down a little bit!)

God’s Kingdom is here, right NOW. Because God is God, God’s Kingdom is where God wants it to be, and where God wants it to be is HERE, RIGHT NOW. Think about a place where you’ve seen God at work today in your own neighborhood. Maybe you were nice to your brother or sister when they were annoying you, or maybe your parents helped someone on your block that needed help. These are just two examples of God at work...can you think of more?

And...God’s Kingdom is NOT YET. We can think of all the stuff that we can continue to do in our neighborhoods, cities, countries, and the world to help share God’s love with others. God’s will isn’t always carried out—so how can we help do that? We look forward to being with God for eternity in God’s heavenly kingdom! BUT—while that eternity is going to be really amazing, what can we do to help God’s Kingdom HERE? How can we show people that God loves them, and they have God’s grace?

What kinds of prayers of PURPOSE could you add to your prayer jar to help you share God’s Kingdom here?