

Your Will Be Done, On Earth As In Heaven



Do you know the song: *“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”*? What a great song! This song has long been a favorite in Sunday Schools around the world because it reminds us that God has us in His (or Her) hands at all times. God is SO big, and SO powerful, that God can hold every single one of us and all of our stuff in His/Her hands. Remember that the next time you feel really overwhelmed by something!

A God who is good, big, and powerful doesn’t need our prayers to make stuff happen. Yet our God is also a LOVING God—and God wants to keep God’s creation in a loving hug. Sometimes when we sin, we try to push God away. But God wants the best for us.

Have you ever had someone tell you to do something because it was “for your own good”? Maybe that someone asked you to eat your vegetables (because they would make you big and strong) or brush your teeth (because it would keep you from getting cavities) or go to bed at a decent time (because you do better at school if you’ve had enough sleep). Sometimes it’s hard to do things that are good for us, not because we really disagree with eating vegetables, brushing our teeth, or getting enough sleep, but because we want to do it OUR WAY. That is showing our will. Sometimes we let our will get in the way of our trusting God.

So when we pray for *“God’s will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,”* we’re asking God to send God’s good and gracious will to “come about in and among us.” In other words: Being open to what God wants for us. Allowing God to work through us to love God’s creation and love each other, and to show each other what that love looks like.

What kinds of prayers of POSITION could you add to your prayer jar to remind you to allow God’s will to be done in your life?