



Daily Verse and Comment

Matthew 6:9-10

(9) After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. (10) Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

King James Version

In the salutation to His Model Prayer, Jesus draws immediate attention to the Father's divine nature and [holiness](#) ([Matthew 6:9](#)). His intention is to fix the petitioner's mind on the preeminence and purity of Almighty [God](#) so that the individual realizes his place within the relationship. The person who prays to the Father is a lowly suppliant seeking favor and help from the most high and holy God.

Jesus' words in [Matthew 6:10](#) continue this theme of God's superiority. In English, “Your kingdom come” sounds like a request or desire for a future, divine government to establish righteous rule over [this world](#). While this prophetic interpretation is a correct view—and probably the most common one—it points to far more: God's ultimate sovereignty. His rule is not limited to the future Kingdom that [Jesus Christ](#) will bring with Him at His return but is a present reality, especially for those He has called into it in this age.

When added to the traits of divinity and holiness, God's sovereignty completes a powerful triad that both humbles and assures a petitioner before His throne. He has brought his requests before One who has the right, the character, and the authority to grant them, which sparks and sustains confidence—faith—that God will decide in his favor. Every prayer reminds the child of God that he can trust his divine Sovereign to act in his best interests.

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