

# Biblical Topics

## Lord's Prayer – Second Petition

### Your kingdom come

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom come when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

In this petition we ask that God would...

- A. Graciously grant us true faith and a godly life. The kingdom of grace comes to us and remains with us, when the means of grace (Gospel and Sacraments) are administered among us.
  - Mark 1:15: "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"
  - Colossians 2:6: So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him.
  
- B. Extend His Kingdom of grace on earth (missions). The first things necessary is that the Gospel be preached to unbelievers. Toward that end we 1) pray that God would send missionaries into His harvest, 2) support the work of the missionaries with our prayers and offerings, and 3) speak to others about the salvation in Christ that can be theirs.
  - Matthew 9:38: Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."
  - 2 Thessalonians 3:1: Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.
  
- C. Hasten the coming of His Kingdom of Glory. God's kingdom of glory is in heaven. It is promised to us and reserved for us. Our souls enter this kingdom the moment we die in faith. Our resurrected bodies will enter it on the last day.
  - Luke 12:32: Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.
  - Revelation 22:20: He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The above information is taken from: "Luther's Small Catechism" annotated by Edward W. A. Koehler.