

Lord's Prayer Devotion

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, **Thy kingdom come**, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as forgive those who sin against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

There are three kinds of kingdoms: kingdom of *power*; kingdom of *grace* and kingdom of *glory*.

In this petition we are not praying for the kingdom of power. God's kingdom of power is already with us. It is God showing his power by being in control of all things. In face of all the chaos surrounds us, we can draw comfort from knowing that God is in total charge.

The kingdom of grace is Christ ruling our hearts. The kingdom of grace comes to us and remains with us, when the means of grace, the Gospel and Sacraments are administered among us.

This kingdom came to us in our baptism where the Holy Spirit began a faith in our hearts. It continues when we hear the Word of God preached or read. In the Lord's Supper we continue to receive forgiveness of our sins and a strengthening of our faith.

But unless it continues to come to us, we shall lose it, hence we pray that it may continue to come to us.

When we pray this petition we also are asking His kingdom be extended by grace to those who do not yet know Him (mission work).

Where the kingdom of glory is concerned we ask that God would hasten the coming of kingdom of glory, meaning heaven itself.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for using your kingdom of power to comfort us in the bedlam we call today's society. Thank you for bringing me to faith in you and into your kingdom of grace. Help keep me and my loved one's in this faith until you bring the kingdom of glory into our lives. Amen