

2. The world is in Rebellion Against the Kingship of GOD.

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. Ephesians 2:1-3

C. Pray, and Live, “May Your Kingdom Come.”

1. “Rule us by your Word and Spirit.”

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

2. “Keep your church Strong and Growing.”

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. Matthew 16:18

Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. Matthew 24:12-14

3. “Destroy the Devil’s Work!”

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. Romans 16:20

He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work. 1 John 3:8

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Q. What does the second petition mean?

A. “Your kingdom come” means: Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you. Preserve your church and make it grow. Destroy the devil’s work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your holy Word. Do this until your kingdom fully comes, when you will be all in all.

Pray and Work so that everyone will Submit to the Rule of King Jesus.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME!

Luke 11:1-4

A. Know What The “Kingdom” Is.

1. In a general sense, The Kingdom is GOD’s Rule over All Creation.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne. Psalm 47:7-8

For you The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Psalm 103:19

2. In a narrower sense, The Kingdom Has Come Through Jesus.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!” Mark 1:14-17

“But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.” Luke 11:20

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17

3. In a final sense, The Kingdom Is Still Coming.

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever.” Revelation 11:15

B. Recognize The War Between Kingdoms.

1. There is a Kingdom of Darkness/Evil that is in a continual War with GOD’s Kingdom.

And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Revelation 12:7-9

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:10-12

Faith@Home

Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed.

Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

Day One

Read Psalm 47

1. In what ways is GOD the King over all of the universe?

2. How does He exercise His Kingship?

3. What must our response to His Kingship be?

Day Two

Read Mark 1:14-15 Luke 11:20

1. Although GOD's Kingdom extends to the whole universe, in a narrower sense Jesus came to usher in His Kingdom. What is this "Kingdom" all about?

2. How does a person enter into this Kingdom?

3. What are evidences of the growth of this Kingdom in our world?

Day Three

Read Revelation 12:7-9 and Ephesians 6:10-12

1. What do we learn from these passages?

2. There is a war going on between the Kingdom of Light and the kingdom of darkness. Where do you see that happening in our culture and in your life?

3. What are you doing as part of this epic battle?

Day Four

Read Matthew 6:33

1. What does it mean to seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness?

2. In practical terms, how are you doing that?

3. How is the Kingdom of GOD advancing through you and your life?

Day Five

Read Psalm 38

1. What is GOD saying to you through this Psalm?

2. Can you identify with the writer? Have you ever been there? Are you there now?

3. What keeps the writer going? Do you do this, also?

4. Pray for our worship Sunday.