

The Lord's Prayer

THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, THE GLORY FOREVER

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“For yours is the **kingdom**, the **power**, and the **glory** forever. Amen.”
Matthew 6:13

Similar benedictions are found throughout the Bible:

“Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the **power** and the **glory** and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. **Yours, Lord, is the kingdom.**” 1 Chronicles 29:10-11

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who **sits on the throne** and to the Lamb be praise and **honor** and **glory** and **power**, for ever and ever!”
Revelation 5:13

“For yours is the **kingdom**...”

A declaration of _____

“...and the **power**...”

A declaration of _____

“...and the **glory**...”

A declaration of _____

“...**forever**. Amen.”

GOING DEEPER

“For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

Matthew 6:13

1. What does this last phrase of the Lord’s Prayer remind us about God? Why is this important for you to hear right now?
2. Why is it important to remember that God’s kingdom is greater than any human kingdom? What happens when we forget this vital spiritual truth?
3. God’s power is the source of all our hope and blessings. Why is it important to remember that? What happens when we forget this truth?
4. God works all things for good—to his glory. That may mean that he allows things in our lives that are hard. René quoted the saying, “You can’t push a river. You’ve got to let it flow.” In what areas of your life are you trying to “push the river” instead of letting it flow?
5. “God is good . . . all the time.” What evidence would you bring for that? How does the cross of Christ demonstrate the goodness of God?
6. As you look back over your study of the Lord’s Prayer, what have you learned about God? About prayer? About yourself?

ACTION STEP

People are saying 2020 has been a bad year. And obviously there have been grave difficulties and unique challenges. Yet God is still good. Read Psalm 103 out loud. Take a few minutes to make a God’s Goodness list. List some ways you have seen the goodness of God in the last 7 months. Share it with your group. Post your list where you can see it every day. Use the list as a means of encouragement when you feel like God has forgotten you.

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