



## A Guide for Spiritual Formation

Series Theme:	Lord, Teach Us to Pray
Text for the Week:	Matthew 6:10
Message for the Week:	Let Your Kingdom Come
Theme for the Week:	Let God's Kingdom Come

### Week 4

#### Opening:

What is one low (a bad thing) and one high (a good thing) that happened to you this past week? Write them down and take turns sharing them with the others in your group.

Where have you seen the work of the Holy Spirit in your life this past week?

If you could change one thing about your neighborhood, workplace, or school, what would it be?

#### Preparation:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with God to center and prepare yourself for your time with God today.

#### Read:

Read / Have two people in your group read [Matthew 6:10](#) out loud.

[Clicking this link will bring you to multiple translations.]

As you read and/or listen to the text being read, circle, take note of, highlight, or underline what words, phrases, or ideas grabbed your attention and heart in these verses?

Write them down below and/or share them with those who are with you.

## Respond / Reflect:

Which of the three views of history that Pastor Doug described (history is meaningless; history just repeats itself over and over and over; history is moving toward a target/goal) do you most identify with? Why?

Do your/our prayers make a difference?

How comfortable are you with holding “both/and” paradoxes?

If God’s kingdom were to come to your workplace, school, and neighborhood, what would it look like?

What did Abraham Kuyper mean when he said, “every square inch” belongs to God?”

How are you helping to bring shalom and jubilee into the places you go?

## “Try It!”

During this worship series on prayer, we are going to be experimenting with different prayer practices each week:

Practice #4: Praying On-Site with Insight

As you move throughout your day from place to place, pray that God’s Kingdom would come to each of the places you go. For example, when you arrive at a store, pray for those who are working there and shopping there.

## Prayer:

Spend time in prayer with/for the other people who are with you.

Pray this prayer together:

*“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup>your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”*

Matthew 6:9-13 NIV

## Missional/Spiritual Practice for the Month: Kingdom Prayers

During the month of February, pray this [Mission Prayer](#) each day, multiple times throughout your day:

***God, where will your Spirit lead today?  
Help me be fully awake and ready to respond.  
Grant me courage to risk something new and  
become a blessing of your love and peace. Amen.***

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### Matthew 6:10 New International Version

<sup>10</sup>your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
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### Matthew 6:10 The Message

Set the world right;  
Do what’s best—  
as above, so below.