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The Lord's Prayer
3 – Thy Will Be Done



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During the season of Lent, we will reflect on the Lord's Prayer. This is the example for talking to God the Father that Jesus gave to the disciples and to us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from all evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and glory forever. Amen.

Thy Will Be Done

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10

What is the will of the Lord for me?

We should seek to do what God desires.

By seeking God's will, we demonstrate our trust that He knows what is best, and our submission to God's way and plan. God knows more than we know. We also seek to acknowledge God, and ensure His will is done even when it contradicts our own will. We must align our will with His will.

1. The example of Christ: Luke 22:39-46

Jesus was going through a great struggle to fulfill the will of His Father who sent him on a mission of humiliation, desertion by the disciples, and paying the price by his own painful, agonizing death on the cross. The purpose was to reconcile God and man after sin has separated them.

He requested his disciples to join him in prayer, but they slept. He knelt down and prayed, “Father if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

An angel had to come down from heaven to strengthen him.

Being in great anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

In the end, the Lord Jesus did the will of His father, resulting in the forgiveness of our sins and reconciliation with God.

2. Paul’s request for believers: Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy, and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Paul describes here how to know God’s perfect will for you.

- a. In view of God’s mercy – Remember how God has treated us.
- b. Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice – You no longer live but Christ lives in you (Galatians 2:20). “To live is Christ and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21).
- c. You will be holy and pleasing to God. Set apart for God’s use only and not pleasing to self or the world but pleasing to God – which is your spiritual act of worship.

d. Do not conform to this world any longer.

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the craving of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever. 1 John 2:15-17

e. “Be ye transformed.” How? “By the renewing of your mind.” Let the mind of Christ be in you.

Philippians 2:5-8

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

but made himself nothing,

taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

These actions will help us find the perfect will of God.

3. The will of God is shown in our calling – 1 Corinthians 1:1 “Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, ...”

4. The will of God is in our sanctification –

It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to

control your body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God ...

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7

5. “Giving thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

6. Living by the Spirit. Romans 8:14 – “Because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”

Additional Scripture References:

Psalm 51:12

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain
me.

Psalm 143:10

¹⁰ Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God;
may your good Spirit
lead me on level ground.

Isaiah 53:10

¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD’s will to crush him
and cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes his life an
offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his
days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in
his hand.

Matthew 12:50

⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in
heaven is my brother and sister and
mother.”

Matthew 26:41

⁴¹ “Watch and pray so that you will not fall
into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the
flesh is weak.”

Acts 20:27

²⁷ For I have not hesitated to proclaim to
you the whole will of God.

Ephesians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but
understand what the Lord’s will is.

Philippians 2:17

¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a
drink offering on the sacrifice and service
coming from your faith, I am glad and
rejoice with all of you.

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