

Friday, 6/23

Come to the prayer meeting **this morning at 6:30.**

Read **Colossians 1:9-14.** This is Paul's prayer for the believers in Colossae. It is the same thing we pray when we pray, "your will be done".

Pray for yourself Paul's prayer for the Colossians, asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will that you might walk in a manner worthy of the Lord and bear fruit in every good work, increasing in the knowledge of God.

Extend his grace to another today by praying this same prayer for them. Encourage them like Paul by telling them that you are praying such for them.

Saturday, 6/24

Read tomorrow's sermon passage **Matthew 6:5-13** below and meditate on what it means to pray "Give us this day our daily bread."

<sup>5</sup>"And now about prayer. When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I assure you, that is all the reward they will ever get.

<sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father secretly. Then your Father, who knows all secrets, will reward you. <sup>7</sup> "When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered only by repeating their words again and again. <sup>8</sup> Don't be like them, because your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! <sup>9</sup> Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. <sup>10</sup> May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done here on earth, just as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us our food for today, <sup>12</sup> and forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us. <sup>13</sup> And don't let us yield to temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Prepare today for the gathered worship service tomorrow.

Pray for God's glory to be more and more manifested in the greater Portland area. Pray that his will would be done in your life and in your community here

If life is aimless, stagnant, fruitless, lacking in content, it is because we are not entering by experience into the richness of God's will... There is not a moment of life that the will of God does not command, no circumstance of life that it does not fill with meaning if we are responsive to the fulness of his revealed counsel for us.

— John Murray

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

## Family and Individual Devotions



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**Y**our will be done on earth as it is in heaven. This is the scariest petition of the Lord's Prayer. It is where the Lord's Prayer is brought to earth. We can pray the other petitions (Our Father, hallowed be, your kingdom come) and maintain the illusion that it doesn't impact us. But when we pray, "your will be done" it has to impact us. We lose control and give it to another.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

"God's will is identical with his being, his wisdom, his goodness, and with all his attributes. And it is for this reason that man's heart and mind can rest in that will, for it is the will not of blind fate, incalculable fortune, or dark energy of nature, but of an omnipotent God and merciful Father."

— Herman Bavinck  
(*The Doctrine of God*, 235)

# Taking Gathered Worship Home—Family and Individual Devotions

Sunday, 6/18

Read today's passage: **Matthew 6:5-13**. Where do you see his name hallowed in your life and community?

**Rejoice** that he has called us to be part of the hallowing, the worshipping, and glorifying of his name.

**Pray**, "Father, you are the ultimate thing in life. You are worthy of all praise and honor and I pray that you would glorify your name throughout Portland, Maine, and northern New England. Thank you for the ways in which you already are using me to bring glory to your name and I ask that you would continue to use me more and more. Amen."

Monday, 6/19

Read **John 4:1-42** Jesus said that his food was to do the will of him who sent him. What do we learn about Christ from his statement? Does his statement make any difference in your life or is it just something nice and spiritual that he said?

**Pray** the Lord's Prayer:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,"

*Ask God to use you in making His name hallowed (worshipped and glorified) among your family and friends.*

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

*Praise God for beginning His kingdom on earth. Ask Him to extend it today.*

"Give us today our daily bread."

*Thank God for all His provision for you. Ask Him for the things you need.*

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

*Ask God to make us so aware of how much He has forgiven us that we would be forgiving also.*

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

*Praise Christ for delivering us from sin and death and ask Him to continue to rescue us daily.*

Tuesday, 6/20

Read **Philippians 2:1-11**. Where did God's will take Jesus? Are you prepared to be obedient to his will and to go where he calls you?

**Pray** your submission to God's will in Christ using the hymn, "All for Jesus" (and you may pray it in song if you know it).

1. All for Jesus, all for Jesus!  
All my being's ransomed powers:  
All my thoughts and words and doings,  
All my days and all my hours.
2. Let my hands perform His bidding,  
Let my feet run in His ways;  
Let my eyes see Jesus only,  
Let my lips speak forth His praise.

3. Worldlings prize their gems of beauty,  
Cling to gilded toys of dust,  
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure;  
Only Jesus will I trust.
4. Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus,  
I've lost sight of all beside;  
So enchained my spirit's vision,  
Looking at the Crucified.

5. Oh, what wonder! how amazing!  
Jesus, glorious King of kings,  
Deigns to call me His beloved,  
Let me rest beneath His wings.

Wednesday, 6/21

Read **Romans 12:1-8**. We are told to not be conformed to the world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our mind. All this is for one purpose, so that we might know the will of God that is good, and pleasing, and perfect.

**Meditate** on these words. How are you being transformed by the renewal of your mind, by the Gospel? Do you struggle with his will as pleasing, still wanting your own way at times?

**Pray**, ask God that you might see the transforming power of doing his will. Ask him to help you to understand the goodness and perfection of his will and that you might be pleased to see it done on earth as it is in heaven.

Thursday, 6/22

Read **Ephesians 1:11-14**.

**Rejoice** that we have a Father in heaven who is able to work out all things according to the counsel of his will! Take some time consider the freedom and joy that comes from this knowledge. Praise him for giving us an inheritance and guaranteeing it by his Spirit.

**Pray**, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. I pray that you, by your grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to your will in all things, as the angels do in heaven. Amen"