

## PRAYER IS PARTNERSHIP



### KEY VERSE

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

—Matthew 6:10

We're learning how to pray like Jesus together. Last week, we learned that our prayers are also our praise. When we pray like Jesus, we begin by saying true things about our great God. This week, we will learn that praying isn't just about God but also about us.

In the Lord's Prayer in Matthew, Jesus began by saying, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." This week, we will learn more about how our prayers show our partnership with God.

Do you know what a partner is? A partner is someone we are friends with and trust. A partner is someone we share our lives with. Think about a wheelbarrow race. You must have a partner to do the race. One person is on the ground like a wheelbarrow while another is steering the wheelbarrow by holding their partner's legs. Together, they take off and race against other wheelbarrow racers to see who can cross the finish line first.

In our lives with God, He loves to use us in His work in the world. He doesn't need our help, but He wants us to be a part of what He is doing to show people

how much He loves them. Jesus told us that when we pray, we need to talk about how we work together with God for His good purposes. When Jesus said, “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done,” He was telling God that He wanted to be a part of the work God was doing on earth so that life here could become more and more like life in heaven. This happens when we partner with God to share His love and show it to others around us.

Have you ever thought about heaven? Do you wonder what it’s like? We know it will be beautiful and perfect. People will always be happy and kind. Everyone in heaven will know and love Jesus. It is a place where only good, true, and lovely things exist. When we pray, “on earth as it is in heaven,” we are asking God for His help and telling Him that we will help make our world look as much like heaven now as it can. That means we are partnering with God to do His will to bring His love and goodness to the world. Jesus prayed these things, and we can pray just like Him!



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