On Earth

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Matthew 6:10 (ESV) Your kingdom come, your will be done, <u>on earth</u> as it is in heaven.

This morning we are going to look at the LORD's prayer. I always acknowledged that this was important, but I confess that I was slightly dismissive of it because seemed too general and liturgical to me. However, I was challenge by R.T. Kendall whom I have tremendous respect. He said this was the perfect prayer and he prayed it every morning. Plus it impacted things on earth. Therefore, I spent more time meditating on it and praying it every morning.

Matthew 6:9–13 (ESV) NO/OH ⁹ Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (NASB) For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. This morning I want to share what the LORD has been teaching me. Since this is personal to me, this may not be what the LORD is teaching you which is okay.

Matthew 6:9 (ESV) NO/OH Pray then like this:

R.T. Kendall was right. It is the perfect prayer. As we go through this prayer, I am going to put in parentheses what I feel Jesus what Jesus revealed me.

1. Our Father in heaven, (nothing is above YOU.)

Psalm 113:4 (ESV) NO/OH The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

2. Hallowed be Your Name, (YOU are right, and YOU do right.)

In the beginning God. HE was right then, and HE is right now.

Matthew 6:10 (ESV)

3. Your kingdom come, your will be done, <u>on earth</u> as it is in heaven, (and I will watch as things naturally unfold on earth.)

YOUR KINGDOM=YOUR WILL=ON EARTH

God is always working in the earth. Therefore, I need to not only ask but pay attention as things naturally unfold and join God in what HE is doing. This verse reflects immediate spiritual activity on earth.

Matthew 12:28 (ESV) NO/OH But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, <u>then the</u> <u>kingdom of God has come upon you</u>.

Jesus specifically says, "On earth." We need to pay attention to what God is naturally doing.

Matthew 6:11 (ESV)

 Give us this day our daily bread, (since each day the spiritual invades the physical and naturally flows sustaining us.)

God is presence and provides now! The spiritual invades the physical in the present. The move of God is always in the present. Don't say, "I hope God moves tomorrow." God says don't worry about tomorrow because God is moving today in the present. Pay attention. HE will move tomorrow when tomorrow comes. Daily bread is daily spiritual sustenance invading the physical now. When the Israelite gathered an extra day's manna, it would spoil and become useless.

Matthew 6:12 (ESV)

5. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors, (thus releasing everything to YOU.)

Debt literally means "that *which is owed*, what is due." Below in verse 14, Jesus uses the word trespass which can be translated blunder. This has to do with our daily walk with God and with others. We ask God to overlook our daily blunders. Don't give us our due. We likewise will overlook the daily blunders of others and not give them their due. We will release everything to God.

Matthew 6:13 (ESV)

6. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, (so that nothing is hindering YOUR WORK.)

Rarely if ever is this word "temptation" used in the sense of "enticement to sin" <u>but rather "testing"</u>. Therefore, we engage God daily to mitigate the need for testing in order to get our attention. God needs our attention to deliver us from evil or the Evil One, so nothing hinders God's work.

(NASB)

7. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, (and YOU are bringing everything in line with YOURSELF.)

God is the kingdom and the power, and the glory and HE is moving to bring everything "into line" with HIS will, HIS purpose. Give God time, Patience, HE is at work every day.

Wallace – my personal prayer:

My Father who is in heaven nothing is above YOU. Holy is YOUR NAME, YOU do right.

YOUR kingdom come, YOUR will be done on earth as it is in heaven, and I will watch as things naturally unfold on earth. Give me this day my daily bread, since each day the spiritual invades the physical and naturally flows sustaining me.

Forgive me my trespasses as I forgive those who trespass against me thus releasing everything to YOU.

Lead me not into temptation but deliver me from evil so that nothing is hindering YOUR WORK.

Because YOURS is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, YOU are bringing everything "in line" with YOURSELF.

Therefore Wallace,

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Philippians 4:4 (ESV)

Let us rejoice and keep it simple!

1 Corinthians 2:2 (ESV) For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and HIM crucified.