

The Doxology

Show Us Your Glory!

Key Scripture

*‘For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory
Forever and ever. Amen.’*

Portion for the Journey

As we draw to a close in this study of the Lord’s Prayer, let’s take a few minutes to look back at the scope of which we have been instructed to pray! Every aspect of prayer has been included:

- 1) Praise and adoration
- 2) confession;
- 3) petitions;
- 4) Intercession and supplication;
- 5) Proclamation of Blessing or Thanksgiving = Worship

There are seven petitions included. The first three include Intercession and supplication on behalf of the glory of God and His Kingdom and intercession and supplication for our needs and those of others in the last four petitions.

Praise and Adoration to the Father That we would first have the concept of His Fatherhood—that He is “Our Father” whose true home in heaven is also meant to be our home. This knowledge leads us into true worship of our Father, our King. The knowledge and relationship with God as “Our Father” is foundational to this amazing teaching on prayer but we will see that it also is the conclusion of our prayer!

Praying for God’s Glory and His Kingdom in Heaven

Thy name be hallowed; that His name would be made holy to us

Thy Kingdom come; His Kingdom to appear to us

They will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven

Prayers for the Church on this earth

Give us our daily bread; Our bread (our daily necessities) will be provided by Him

Forgive us our debts; Our debts to be forgiven by Him; our hearts formed to forgive others

Lead us not into temptation; not to be led and left alone in facing temptation.

Deliver us from Evil; To be snatched by Him from the claws of the evil one.

The Doxology or Benediction: For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory forever and ever. Amen.”

A Benediction or Doxology is defined as an utterance bestowing a blessing. It is commonly used at the end of a worship service in which one makes a formal invocation of blessedness upon those who are listening. In this case, the invocation of blessedness is made to the Father and is made with the awareness that He is listening and will not only hear but also be moved to answer our petitions. This particular benediction is called a devotional blessing and means to speak well or speak truth. It is significant that one of the meanings of benediction is the utterance spoken when you take a leap of faith.

Spiros Zodhiates, in his in-depth book, "The Lord's Prayer," noted that the LORD's prayer has a sincerity about each request. He states that prayer is a vow or wish that is poured out to God. "It is a wish by which that God's character and provision be manifested in and through our lives in a world of evil influences. Satan and his followers don't want God's name set apart as holy, God's kingdom to prevail, or God's will to be executed in our lives. They don't want us adequately and daily provided with bread nor do they want to see us liberated from guilt and power of sin. They want us to be tripped up by Satan and fall as we experience inevitable temptation." He goes on to explain that this prayer is not merely a wish for the future in which God triumphs over Satan, but our desperate need for God's presence and provision today. He goes on to state, "This is the reason the doxology culminates the LORD's Prayer not with a wish for the future but a statement of fact of what God, our Heavenly Father is now, "For Thine is the Kingdom..." Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God is within us now, while at the same time He told us to look and pray for the fullness of the Kingdom to be made manifest. 1 Cor. 15:25, 28; Rev. 5:10; Rev. 11:15, 17; Rev. 19:6; Rev. 22:5

This doxology causes us to proclaim not only a future kingdom but also a kingdom that exists now! "For Thine is (here and now) the Kingdom." This kingdom of peace now exists in our hearts and the kingdom promised in the future is one of righteousness and peace throughout the heavens and the earth. Thus, we see in the doxology the foundation upon which we are able to pray in faith, the truth that God is sovereign over His Kingdom, that He is an all-powerful King, filled with glory!!

The Doxology or Benediction at the end of the LORD's prayer consists of a proclamation of our faith in God's ability to hear and answer our prayers. Some Biblical scholars do not agree as to whether this last portion should be included with the "Lord's Prayer." It is not included in Luke's 11 version of the Lord's Prayer. As the doxology is at least very ancient, and similar versions appear in the Old Testament. 1 Chron. 29:11

Note the order: Kingdom, Power and Glory.

For Thine is the Kingdom! Kingdom indicates God's rank and office as Supreme Ruler. *Thine is the kingdom.* That is, thine is the *reign* or *dominion* and control over all things, and canst so order them as to answer our petitions. As we began our prayer with a focus on His position as King of Kings and LORD of Lords who rules over a Kingdom without end. Again, we are brought to lift our hearts above our circumstances on this earth and direct our attention to His eternal purposes. Matthew 6:10, 3:2.

...and the Power.... *Thine is the power.* Thou hast power to accomplish what we ask. *We* are weak, and cannot do it; but Thou art almighty, and all things are possible with thee. God's power is the energy by which the kingdom is governed and maintained. Nothing is impossible for God and He has the power to fulfill all of our petitions. We often think of "power" in terms of its destructiveness but in God's case, His power is creative and restorative. Zech. 4:6

... *Thine is the glory*.... That is, Thine is the honor or praise. Not our honor; but thy glory, thy goodness, will be displayed in providing for our wants; thy power, in defending us; thy praise, in causing thy kingdom to spread through the earth. God's glory is revealed through the recognition of who He is. The Greek word for Glory is "doxa" which means to think, and to recognize who He is. In this proclamation we honor God for who He is. We speak forth His glory—doxology!

In acknowledging that this is His Kingdom, His power and His glory we are saved from pride that we should take credit for answered prayers. To God alone belongs all glory for answered prayer! We must be careful not to touch His glory by even hinting we had anything to do with the power of His might in bringing answers to prayer.

For ever and ever. All honor, glory and worship belong to Him "to the for evers." Well expressed by our common translation- ever in our ancient use of the word taking in the whole duration of time; the second ever, the whole of eternity. May His name have the glory both in this world, and in that which is to come! The original word comes from always, and being, or existence. See the note on "[Genesis 21:33](#)". There is no word in any language which more forcibly points out the grand characteristic of eternity- that which always exists. We sometimes use the phrase for evermore: i. e. forever and more, which signifies the whole of time, and the more or interminable duration beyond it. Matthew 25:46.

What is God Speaking to Your Heart?

Response to the LORD