

FAITH MAIL

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Praying Yahshua's Prayer (2)

Do you truly know what you're saying or asking when praying the Lord's Prayer? Let's look at the second and third appeals of that prayer.

Matthew 6:10

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

Your Kingdom come . . .

This petition is about the *present* and *future* of Yahweh's Kingdom. Yahshua came announcing its arrival, and we can experience its reality daily because its King dwells within us (Luke 17:21). However, we await its complete manifestation in the future when our King returns and reigns fully. We can trust Yahweh to bring about His *future Kingdom*; that's in His hands. In the meantime, we can witness the increasing impact of the *present Kingdom* by submitting ourselves to the rule of the King, both individually and as a community. Therefore, our appeal should include two things:

- 1) That the *future Kingdom* comes in its fullness.
- 2) That we live our lives in such a way that the inner reality of the *present Kingdom* flows out into our neighbourhood for all to witness.

Your will be done . . .

When we pray for Yahweh's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, we often imagine the nations of our world submitting to His righteous rule and justice. And, yes, there would be peace between countries and the fair distribution of the earth's wealth to provide for all people. This is how it will be in the *future Kingdom*.

When we ask for the Father's will to *"...be done on earth..."*, it should start with those of us who submit to His rule through Yahshua. When we are more surrendered to Yahweh's will in our personal life – doing what He wants, not what we want, there will be more love in our homes and families, more kindness in our communities, and more opportunity for the lost to find a home in the *present Kingdom*.

Doing Yahweh's will isn't always easy, but it produces a rich harvest in our lives and others.

(Luke 22:41-43)