

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SECOND PETITION

DEVOTION

THY KINGDOM COME.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

**[Jesus said,] "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."
(Mark 1:15)**

FOR SHARING

1. What comes to mind when you hear the phrase "kingdom of God"? What positive and negative connotations does the word kingdom have today?
2. Throughout history, subjects have often rebelled or revolted against kings and kingdoms. In what ways do we rebel against the King of the universe?
3. Jesus' public preaching ministry began with the call to repent and believe the Good News (Mark 1:15). How do these words summarize His work? How do His words apply to you every day?
4. Paul writes, God "has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:13–14). How has the Spirit brought you into God's kingdom? How does the Spirit keep you in the kingdom?
5. God rules over the whole universe (the Kingdom of Power), over the church on earth (the Kingdom of Grace), and over the church and angels in heaven (the Kingdom of Glory). How does God's rule in all three kingdoms give you comfort and hope today?

PRAYER

[Father,] Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain And Your eternal righteous reign. The Holy [Spirit] enrich our day With gifts attendant on our way. Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage; Preserve Your Church from age to age.

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