## THE PRAYER THAT CHANGES THE WORLD

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What is one time you believe God answered your prayer?

**MAIN IDEA**: In the Lord' Prayer, Jesus gave us power to change the world, and bring change in our own lives. Through it, the kingdom comes. Pray it.

## **PRINCIPLES**

1. The Lord's Prayer is the solid guarantee for <u>GOD</u>

<u>ANSWERING</u> because it is praying-agreement with him.

"And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him (according to his will). And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for."

1 John 5:14-15 NLT

2. The Lord's Prayer is the <u>PARTNERSHIP</u> that changes the world. (Matt. 7:7)

"Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession." **Psalm 2:8** NLT

3. The Lord's Prayer is the basic <u>BALANCED DIET</u> of Christian Life.

"teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." **Matthew 28:20** 

4. The Lord's Prayer is the means of <u>DAILY TUNING</u> Our Lives to God, his ways, his pleasure.

## **PERSPECTIVES**

- **5. Each phrase is an <u>IMPERATIVE REQUEST</u>**. A bold, audacious request...
- **6.** The Lord's Prayer <u>STARTS</u> with God, then moves on to us and our needs. (Divine priority)

"seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." **Matthew 6:33** 

"Set your heart on the kingdom and his goodness, and all these things will come to you as a matter of course."

Matthew 6:33 JBP

"Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met." **Matthew 6:33** Message

## **PRACTICES**

7. Pray the <u>WORDS</u> of it. Pray the <u>THEMES</u> of it.

"When you pray, say: " 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come..." **Luke 11:2-3** 

**8.** Pray it <u>DAILY</u>. Pray it <u>SLOWLY</u>. <u>CONNECT</u> with God using it.

How did we get away from this?