

# The Lord's Prayer: The Second Petition

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.*

When we talk about the kingdom of God, we're talking about three kingdoms. There is the Kingdom of Power, which is all creation. God rules over the universe because He made it. There is the Kingdom of Glory, which is the church triumphant, that is, all Christians in heaven. Finally, there is the Kingdom of Grace, which is God's rule over the church on earth. God's Kingdom of Power is here already. His Kingdom of Glory will come when Christ returns. When we pray for His kingdom to come, we are praying for His Kingdom of Grace to come to us, for God to rule in our hearts. May God rule in our hearts today.

*Prayer:*

*Lord, Your kingdom come. Rule in our hearts today and every day. Amen.*