

Cultivate Reflection Guide

How to Pray... Your Kingdom Come June 18/19, 2022

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If there's one thing that seasoned Christians and new Christians can relate to, it's the struggle with prayer. What are we supposed to say to the God who created the universe? Does he really hear us? What if we get the words wrong? As a church, we'll explore these questions and more as we learn how to pray.

Our Reflection Guide is a tool to help you grow spiritually wise, relationally kind and emotionally healthy. Use it to start a REAL conversation in community or to cultivate God's word into your life through personal bible study. Choose the questions that encourage you to reflect and respond to what we're learning. Pair it with your bible, a journal or any resource that helps you learn. *It's not about getting through the content, but getting the content through you!*

Read: [Isaiah 6:1-8 NIV](#). Summarize in your own words how these verses speak to you.

Reflect: As you reflect on the weekend message, what most encouraged, instructed or challenged you? Is there a truth, promise or instruction that you will cultivate into your life?

Respond:

1. God is **on the throne**. He is not limited in the ways He can and will speak into our lives – but we need to listen. Is there room in the rhythms of your life [schedule, habits, routines] to hear from God?
 - If yes, where do you go OR what do you do when you need to hear from God? This could be a place, a practice [stillness, reading, worship, reflection] or even trusted people you turn to.
 - If no, how can you be intentional about making room in your life to listen to God more? This might begin with simply making time to be with God.
2. God is your **holy, holy, holy King**. Does the way you live reflect your recognition that God is your holy King? Think about how you follow, serve and obey, as well as what you do with what God has given you.
 - Be REAL and confess any area of your life where you need to trust and allow God to be your King.
 - Praise God for His unchanging love for you, despite your flaws and forgetfulness.
 - Is there a change you want to make or an action you want to take SO THAT your life reflects your recognition of God as King? Ask God for the direction, courage and commitment to pursue this.
3. We don't earn our way into the kingdom. **The King makes us right** with Him.
 - Where in your life are you wrestling to make yourself right rather than resting in the grace of God?
 - [Read Isaiah 6:7](#) and find rest in this truth: your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for. You are free to live for God because Jesus has already given His life for you.

Prayer: *Father, may your kingdom come, and your will be done. Give me the courage to let you be the King of my life. Give me the confidence to believe that your will for me is better than anything I could imagine for myself. Give me the freedom to rest in your love and grace, so that I can live a life that reflects and honors you. Amen.*

Dig Deeper Opportunity

[Read Colossians 1:9-14 NLT](#). Cultivating spiritual growth and maturity is a lifelong journey. But God is faithful to give us all we need to learn, grow and become who He has called us to be. As you read these verses, make note of the benefits and blessings of persistent prayer, and practice asking God to cultivate this growth on your journey to knowing Jesus and His kingdom more.