

**Wisdom Not Worry**  
**Tuesday, June 16**  
**Matthew 6:11**

*"Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."*

As a kid I learned some statements meant certain enlistment. "I'm bored. Why is there never anything to do?", for example, was a guarantee we would be assigned a list of chores. "I'm hungry. When is supper?" was sure to earn an "invitation" to set the table. The moral of the story? Be careful what you ask for because you just might become part of the solution.

Such is the case with the petition Jesus taught us to pray – May "your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." On a personal level, we are asking God to enable us to obey Him as perfectly and gladly as the angels do in heaven. But on a broader level, this is one of those requests that enlists. As Pastor John Piper noted in a sermon on this text, "when we pray, 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,' we are praying that the earth would be filled only with people who do the will of God the way the angels do in heaven.'" In praying this petition, we are accepting our mission to be part of the solution.

Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20). In other words, Jesus never meant for us to utter this petition without thinking about how He wants to use us in teaching that co-worker, employee, classmate or neighbor the joy of acknowledging God's rule and reign. How will God use you today to bring about His kingdom by teaching someone else to obey everything He has commanded? To offer this petition is to pray, "Who will it be, Lord, and how will you use me?"

Grateful,  
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