

**Praying to our Father 4:  
Your Will Be Done**  
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**MATTHEW 6.9-10 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup>“This, then, is how you should pray:  
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be  
your name, <sup>10</sup>your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven.

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**INTRODUCTION**

The most common questions I get as a  
pastor is: “What’s God’s will for my life?”

- “...as in heaven, so also on earth”  
implies that while it is not possible to  
miss God’s will in heaven, it is possible  
to do so on earth: tension...
- By praying for God’s will we participate  
in God’s will and prepare for it.

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**GOD'S WILL:**

1. Should be done on earth as it is in heaven
2. Can't be done on earth as it is in heaven
3. Has been done on earth as it is in heaven

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**ISAIAH 48.17-18**

<sup>17</sup>This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. <sup>18</sup>If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your well-being like the waves of the sea.

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**ISAIAH 48.10-11**

<sup>10</sup>Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction. <sup>11</sup>For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.

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**ISAIAH 55.9**

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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**ROMANS 12.2**

<sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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**MATTHEW 5.11-12**

<sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.  
<sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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**MATTHEW 7.21-23**

<sup>21</sup>Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' <sup>23</sup>And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

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**MATTHEW 26.39, 42**

<sup>39</sup>And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."  
<sup>42</sup>Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

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**MATTHEW 1.25**

<sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

**GENESIS 4.1, 17**

<sup>1</sup>Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain...<sup>17</sup>Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch...

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CONCLUSION

- By praying for God's will we participate in God's will and prepare for it.

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