

# A Prayer For Kingdom Living

## The Tools You Need For Kingdom Living

**Col 1:9 (NIV) For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped PRAYING for you and ASKING God to fill you with the knowledge OF HIS WILL through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.**

By using the ask, seek, knock principle (Matthew 7:7-11) the Bible gives us a prayer-subject that opens up knowledge (information), wisdom (application), and understanding (interpretation). This prayer asks God to fill you and your friends with the information about His will.

## General Prayers AND Specific Prayers

Every day, as you pray the Lord's prayer, you say, **Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10)**. Both of these prayers are dealing with us being able to get into God's will and experiencing the greatness of God's Kingdom. The Lord's prayer is asking for this to happen; and this prayer is asking for God to give you those things you need to get so you can be in God's will and receive the benefits of His Kingdom.

This prayer in Colossians 1:9-14 is asking Him to use spiritual application power from Jesus, and the Holy Spirit's explanation of the Bible, so that you will be able to gain more and more information from the Bible. The more Biblical INFORMATION you get, the more EXPLANATIONS you experience from the Holy Spirit, and the more APPLICATIONS are made by Jesus into your lives.

## Prayers For You AND Your Friends

This is a prayer that was being used by Paul, as he prayed for his friends. In other words, the keys to all of Christianity (ask, seek, and knock) are not only keys you can use to unlock all the doors of the provisions of God for your life, they are principles that will unlock all the provisions of God for your friend's lives. You can pray this prayer for them and they will reap the benefits of God's power.

**Col 1:10 (NIV) And we pray this IN ORDER THAT you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.** This prayer is working on you and your friends lives here on earth so as to bring you into complete obedience to Jesus' desires. It is inviting Jesus into the activities of your lives in such a way that every deed you do is pleasing to Him in every way. This is a yielding to Jesus' wishes and allowing Him to so apply the Bible to you that you and He work together to accomplish **every good work**. This prayer is asking for you to gain more knowledge of God so you can grow spiritually. This will open more doors for you to do more good works with Jesus.

## **Getting In The Kingdom And Staying There**

**Col 1:11 (NIV) Being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience.**

This prayer is asking for, seeking, and knocking on the door of the power of Jesus' glorious might. It is directing your requests (ask); it is leading you into the correct areas you need to be seeking; and it is showing you the doors to be knocking on. The more you have endurance and patience, the more you are able to live a good example in front of the people around you. You and your friends are living CONSISTENT Christian lives. You are living lives of power because you have been praying for yourself and for all of your friends to be **strengthened with all power according to His glorious might.**

## **Being Qualified For Kingdom Living**

**And joyfully (Col 1:12) giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the Kingdom of light.**

As you look back on all the previous blessings and miracles God has already done for you, and as you start experiencing answers to this prayer, God and His provisions bring great joy into your hearts. This prayer is asking God to help you and your friends express that joy by giving thanks to your heavenly Father. This further builds your relationship with Him and opens your eyes to the inheritance you are receiving as God's saints (people acknowledged as holy and virtuous).

We have been living in a kingdom of darkness. We have been surrounded with all kinds of evil deeds. God's creation has been so contaminated with sin that many things can hardly be recognized as being created from God. Sin has spread to every person; and has made everyone a carrier and a victim. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We were all separated from Him and have been slaves to sin.

Jesus came and died on a cross for our sins and rose from the dead for our salvation. Now that you have made Him the Lord of your life by confessing with your mouth that He is your Lord and by believing in your heart that God raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:9-10), you are sharing in the inheritance of the saints. You are a citizen of the Kingdom of light.

## The Door Into Kingdom Living

**Col 1:13-14 (NIV) For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves, in Whom we have redemption (regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment or through clearing a debt), the forgiveness of sins.**

This Kingdom is pure and sinless. No one is going to be allowed in that has any kind of sin in their life. Jesus' sacrifice and the shedding of His blood cleanses all who accept Him as their Lord and Savior. He cleansed you and your friends of all your past, present, and future sins. **1 John 1:7 (NIV) But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from ALL sin.**

Making us sinless is God's way of qualifying us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the Kingdom of light (Col 1:12). Even though He created us, He had to buy us back (redeem us) through the sacrifice of Jesus. None of us would have qualified to enter His Kingdom because we would have brought the contamination of sin into it. That would destroy it and all its citizens just like it is destroying this world. Jesus has purchased EVERYONE'S forgiveness; but, only those who use their free will to accept it will be saved.

This prayer prepares you and your friends for the examination of the Kingdom of God issues. God is responding to all who pray this prayer for themselves and their friends. By asking for these things, by seeking first God's Kingdom and His righteousness, and by knocking on the doors of opportunity to help as many friends as you can, you are bearing much fruit for your heavenly Father (John 15:5,8).