

Prevailing in Prayer II a “Thy kingdom come” 2

Prayer is communion with God.

Prayer is dialogue with God.

- Vision is sharpened through prayer.

Consider **Matthew 6:9-13** the Lord’s prayer pattern and model.

Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. ¹⁰ **Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.** ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

I

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven... vs10

- A declaration of His Kingdom:
- Your throne and dominion come...
- Your sovereign rule come...
- Your desire come...

II

The sin of racism must be exposed, uncovered, repented of and dismissed.

This issue divides and destroys nations, people and groups.

NKJ Matthew 12:25 But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

What can a church and followers of Jesus do in times like these?

III

First, we can see their pain and we can hear their cry.

We can seek to know their sorrow and we can come to the aid of those in distress.

Exodus 3:7 *And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; ⁸ And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land.*

In the parable of the good Samaritan these actions are seen as compassion by our neighbors. **Luke 10:30-37**

Loving my neighbor as myself is Godly.

- *Sometimes love is spelled compassion.*

IV

Second, we can listen.

NTL Mark 4:24 Then he added, "Pay close attention to **what** you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you will receive even more.

NTL Luke 8:18 “So pay attention to **how** you hear. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what they think they understand will be taken away from them.”

Listening is a great way to understand others’ journey.

Reflective listening is a great way to receive clarity on who they are.

Reflective listening involves asking open ended questions without judgment, to probe deeper into what they feel.

“Tell me more about that”, “Why do feel that way?”, “How did you reach that conclusion?” “What was your personal experience?” “How did that event impact you?”

“Seek to understand before being understood.”

Once these two steps are taken you can decide on further actions.