

YOUR NAME, YOUR KINGDOM, YOUR WILL

*'Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.'* (Psalm 37:4, ESV)

Our prayers are often a long list of things we want God to do for us. OUR desires... of OUR heart. But the Lord's Prayer starts with God. The first half of the prayer and requests are for God. For his glory. His agenda. His ways.

Starting with God reorders the desires of our hearts. We realize what is most important. Nothing is better than for God to be hallowed, than for all of life to be under his rule, and all to happen according to his will. Just like heaven.

Starting with God aligns our desires with his. Not only that, it also helps us believe that he is willing, able and near to meet our desires.

*Prayer: Spend this time of prayer asking God to exalt himself, make himself known, to have his way, to form hearts according to his will... and all other things that come to mind as you think of his name, his kingdom and his will.*