

# 5 Day Devotional

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## Day 1: The Kingdom of God

Reading: Matthew 6:9-13

Devotional: As we begin our journey through the Lord's Prayer, we focus on Jesus' revolutionary words: "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." This isn't just a plea for a distant future; it's an invitation to participate in God's kingdom here and now. Reflect on what it means to be an ambassador of God's kingdom in your daily life. How can you embody God's love, justice, and peace in your interactions today? Consider one specific way you can make God's kingdom visible in your workplace, home, or community.

## Day 2: A New Allegiance

Reading: Colossians 1:13-14

Devotional: Today's passage reminds us that we have been transferred from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of God's beloved Son. This transfer of allegiance is at the heart of our faith. As you go about your day, be mindful of the competing "kingdoms" vying for your loyalty - personal ambitions, cultural pressures, or worldly success. How might your choices and actions look different if you consistently prioritized God's kingdom above all else? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where your allegiance may be divided and seek His guidance in fully embracing your identity as a citizen of God's kingdom.

## Day 3: The Upside-Down Kingdom

Reading: Matthew 5:3-12 (The Beatitudes)

Devotional: The Beatitudes present a radically different view of what it means to be blessed in God's kingdom. These teachings challenge our worldly notions of success and happiness. As you read through each beatitude, pause and reflect on how it contrasts with societal values. Which of these kingdom principles do you find most challenging to embrace? Ask God to help you see the world through His eyes and to find true blessedness in aligning your life with His kingdom values. Consider one practical way you can live out one of these beatitudes today.

## Day 4: Kingdom Living in a Broken World

Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Devotional: Living as citizens of God's kingdom while still in this broken world can be challenging. Today's passage provides practical guidance for kingdom living. Notice how these instructions emphasize love, humility, and peacemaking - hallmarks of God's kingdom. Which of these exhortations resonates most with you today? Where do you see opportunities to practice these kingdom principles in your relationships or current circumstances? Remember, as we live out these values, we become living testimonies of God's transforming power and the reality of His kingdom breaking into our world.

## Day 5: The Coming Kingdom

Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

Devotional: We conclude our week with a glimpse of the fully realized kingdom of God. This vision of the new heaven and new earth reminds us of the ultimate fulfillment of our prayer, "Your kingdom come." As you read this passage, allow yourself to be filled with hope and anticipation. How does this promise of God's future kingdom inspire you to live differently today? Reflect on areas in your life or in the world around you that need God's restoration. Pray for God's kingdom to break into these situations, and consider how you might be part of bringing His healing and renewal. As we await the full realization of God's kingdom, let us be people who continually pray and work towards making His will done on earth as it is in heaven.