**The Lord’s Prayer Reflection Week 3 -**

 **Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth,**

 **as it is in heaven**

This is a reminder that we are to pray for God’s plan in our lives and the world, not our own plans, that we are to pray for God’s will to done and not for our own desires.

To amplify further on “Thy will be done” here is an extract from a playlet on the Lord’s Prayer where a young girl, let’s call her Sally, is praying the words of the Lord’s Prayer when God keeps interrupting her to question her on the words she is praying.

**Sally**: . . . .”Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this . . . .”

**God**: Do you really mean that?

**Sally**:Mean what?

**God**: That you want My will to done.

**Sally**:Of course I do. Why shouldn’t I?

**God**: Right, so what are you going to do about it?

**Sally**:Do? . . . Nothing as far as I know. I just think it would be great if you got control of everything down here, as you have up there.

**God**: Have I got control of your?

**Sally**:Well . . . well . . . I go to church, don’t I? I belong to a Home group. I read my Bible. . . .

**God**: That is not what I asked you. What about the times you want your own way? And your bad temper? You’ve really got a problem there. And what about the kind of books you read, and the films you watch?

**Sally**:Hey, wait a minute. I wish you’d stop picking on me. I’m no worse than anyone else!

**God**: Excuse me, I thought you were praying for My will to be done. If that is to happen, it will have to begin with the ones who are praying for it - like you, for example.

**Sally**:Oh, all right. I guess I do have some hang-ups now you mention it . . . I could probably mention others.

**God**: So could I!

**Sally**:You know, I haven’t really thought about it very much until now but I would like to cut out those bad habits, you know to be . . . . to be . . . . to be free.

**God**: Good, now we’re getting somewhere. We’ll work together, you and I. That way victories can be won.

**Sally**:Look Lord, I need to finish off now. This is taking much longer than normal. “Give us today . . . .”

There doesn’t seem to be a need further comment so here, instead, is a prayer to help in seeking God’s will.

*Lord, quieten my spirit and still my thoughts, that I may know what you want me to do; then help me to do it without self consciousness, without haste or delay, without fear of failure or anxiety about success, knowing only that it is Your will - and so must be done faithfully and lovingly, for in Your will alone is my peace. Amen*

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