



Hardest Prayer You'll Ever Pray...

WEEK 5 • "Thy Will Be Done..." • Matthew 6:5-15, ESV

⁵"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for

your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread, ¹²and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

WHAT DO YOU IMAGINE HEAVEN WILL BE LIKE?

The one thing I'm sure of about Heaven is that it will be _____ God wants it to be!

Larroux Decorating, French Renaissance of course!

We decide for God that we think it would be best for Him to just kind of focus on _____, get it like he likes it, feel free to re-decorate, do a little gardening, make some decrees, but here on _____, where we live we'd kind of like to keep this as our space.

BUMPER STICKER THEOLOGY: IF GOD IS YOUR CO-PILOT, SWITCH SEATS!

Cute and true, but most of us wouldn't say that God is our co-pilot. We'd say he's our pilot, but we just want to be the air traffic controllers and ultimately, we know God is sovereign, and that He is the pilot, but we want to direct _____, _____, and _____ He flies.

We are comfortable with God ruling heaven, but _____ is a no-fly zone.

THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

2 hard parts to that prayer: _____ & a _____.

First, the Statement: "Thy will be done."

Simply put, in this prayer we request that God follow _____ plan and not _____ plan! His will be done, not ours! Seems simple enough, right?

Let me ask you a question: *How many of you would be willing to let me decide what you could and could not watch on television for the next year? Month? Week? Everyday whatever I choose is what you have to watch!*

It would most of us to give up the _____, but
imagine paying this prayer weekly, "God, you will, not mine about my
_____ life, about my _____, about
my _____, about everything.

WHEN YOU PRAY "THY WILL BE DONE" YOU ARE ESSENTIALLY SAYING THAT WHATEVER HE DECIDES IS OKAY WITH YOU.

What if He decides that your sweetheart is the wrong _____? Are you okay with that?
What if you pray for Paw-Paw to get better and God takes him home? Are you okay with that?
What if you are the one who ends up with _____? Are you okay with that?

*When we request that God take everything in our lives, every relationship, every trial, every moment and rule over all of
it- essentially we give him 'air traffic control' rights over everything, to direct it all for His own glory in our lives.*

JEAN AND JEAN IV, 2 FRENCH CHEFS, AHM!

I was just as much in control when the fire started as when I put it out- the ONLY difference was that
the fire reminded Jean IV who should be cooking! What fires are you trying to manage in your life?
How often are you giving God landing instructions to His own plane? Is God really absent or are you
just unwilling to part with the spatula?

THE DAY FROM HELL AND A WIFE TO MATCH

Job 2:10 • Job 2:22

Are you and I ready for a God that big? One who holds all things in His hand, One who uses both
good and evil for _____ in our lives.

The hardness of this prayer isn't that praying like this puts God in control- He already is!
The hardness of this prayer is that praying like this puts us in submission to that control!
It is here that we 'bow the knee' to His will. It is here we say, 'not _____ will, but _____ be done!'

PRAYING, "THY WILL BE DONE" SHOWS YOUR SUBMISSION GOD'S CONTROL, NOT GIVING HIM PERMISSION TO BE IN CHARGE.

First there was a statement, now the modifier-

This is where the dollars can really double. As difficult as it may be to submit to God's
control of the universe, we see that Jesus' modifier focuses the statement and answers the
question of do we want his will to be done? On _____ as it is in _____.

REMEMBER HOW SURE WE WERE THAT HEAVEN WAS EXACTLY GOD WANTED IT.
REMEMBER YOU'VE BEEN ASKING GOD TO MAKE YOUR LIFE JUST LIKE THAT.

Job 42:1-6