

Is Your Life Worth a Prayer?
“The Lord’s Prayer”
Part 3 of 8

*May your kingdom come, may your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:10 (GN)*

God’s Kingdom is wherever **JESUS IS ALLOWED TO BE KING**

THE PRAYER OF SURRENDER MEANS...

1. I ACCEPT GOD’S PLAN

*I have learned to be satisfied with the things I have and with everything that happens.
I know how to live when I am poor, and I know how to live when I have plenty.
I have learned the secret of being happy at any time in everything that happens....
I can do all things through Christ, because He gives me strength.
Philippians 4:11-13 (NCV)*

TO SURRENDER to God’s plan is to know peace.
Something we learn to do - It’s not the natural way

Three things about God’s Plan:

A. God’s PLAN is not EVIL

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11-12 (NIV)

We are mistaken to explain everything that happens as God’s plan.

When a family is killed by a drunk driver it was not His plan.

It is not God’s plan for a teen girl to commit suicide.

It is not God’s plan for a deranged gunman to assassinate students in their college classrooms.

God didn’t plan your divorce.

These are brought by slavery to sin, personal choice toward malicious evil, bad choices.

B. God’s PLAN is beyond HUMAN REASONING - (We don’t get it)

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

C. God’s PLAN is to show the CHARACTER of His Son through His children

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers” Romans 8:28-29 (NIV)

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

THE SERENITY PRAYER

“God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace
Taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it;
Trusting that You will make all things right
If I surrender to Your will
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.
Reinhold Niebuhr

2. I SURRENDER TO GOD'S CONTROL

Surrender yourself to the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. Psalm 37:7a (GW)

If a person's thinking is controlled by his sinful self, then there is death. But if his thinking is controlled by the Spirit, then there is life and peace. Romans 8:6 (ICB)

We win when we surrender to God

Naaman the leper – 2 Kings 5:1-15

captain of the army of the king of Aram, a great man with his master, highly respected, *because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram.*

Samaritan woman – John 4:7-27

Stop quarreling with God! If you agree with Him, you will have peace at last, and things will go well for you. Job 22:21 (NLT)

3. I TRUST IN GOD'S CARE

You, Lord, give true peace to those who depend on You because they trust You. Isaiah 26:3 (NCV)

God will give you all you need from day to day if you live for Him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern. Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

Give yourselves to God... surrender your whole being to Him to be used for righteous purposes. Romans 6:13 (TEV)