

**National Queen of Light Center
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Asking for the Kingdom of the Divine Will**

II. "Thy Kingdom Come"

2816 In the New Testament, the word *basileia* can be translated by "kingship" (abstract noun), "kingdom" (concrete noun) or "reign" (action noun). The Kingdom of God lies ahead of us. It is brought near in the Word incarnate, it is proclaimed throughout the whole Gospel, and it has come in Christ's death and Resurrection. The Kingdom of God has been coming since the Last Supper and, in the Eucharist, it is in our midst. The kingdom will come in glory when Christ hands it over to his Father:

It may even be . . . that the Kingdom of God means Christ himself, whom we daily desire to come, and whose coming we wish to be manifested quickly to us. For as he is our resurrection, since in him we rise, so he can also be understood as the Kingdom of God, for in him we shall reign.

2817 This petition is "Marana tha," the cry of the Spirit and the Bride: "Come, Lord Jesus."

Even if it had not been prescribed to pray for the coming of the kingdom, we would willingly have brought forth this speech, eager to embrace our hope. In indignation the souls of the martyrs under the altar cry out to the Lord: "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell upon the earth?" For their retribution is ordained for the end of the world. Indeed as soon as possible, Lord, may your kingdom come!

2818 In the Lord's Prayer, "thy kingdom come" refers primarily to the final coming of the reign of God through Christ's return. But, far from distracting the Church from her mission in this present world, this desire commits her to it all the more strongly. Since Pentecost, the coming of that Reign is the work of the Spirit of the Lord who "complete(s) his work on earth and brings us the fullness of grace."

2819 "The kingdom of God (is) righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." The end-time in which we live is the age of the outpouring of the Spirit. Ever since Pentecost, a decisive battle has been joined between "the flesh" and the Spirit.

Only a pure soul can boldly say: "Thy kingdom come." One who has heard Paul say, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies," and has purified himself in action, thought and word will say to God: "Thy kingdom come!"

2820 By a discernment according to the Spirit, Christians have to distinguish between the growth of the Reign of God and the progress of the culture and society in which they are involved. This distinction is not a separation. Man's vocation to eternal life does not suppress, but actually reinforces, his duty to put into action in this world the energies and means received from the Creator to serve justice and peace.

2821 This petition is taken up and granted in the prayer of Jesus which is present and effective in the Eucharist; it bears its fruit in new life in keeping with the Beatitude.



Seek first the Kingdom of God and its holiness, and all these things will be given unto you.
Matthew 6:33

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. Matthew 11:12

The law and the prophets were until John; from that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every one uses violence towards it. Luke 16:16



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. . . Now, who until now has ever prayed with interest, with insistence, laying down the sacrifice of his own life so that the Kingdom of the Supreme Fiat may come upon earth, and may triumph and dominate? No one. It is true that the Church has been reciting the ‘Our Father’ from the time I came upon earth, in which one asks, ‘Thy Kingdom come’, so that my Will be done on earth as It is in Heaven, but who thinks about the request they make? It can be said that the whole importance of such a request remained in my Will and that creatures recite it just to recite it, without understanding and without any interest in obtaining what they ask for. Therefore, my daughter, everything is hidden in secret while one lives on earth, and therefore everything seems a mystery; and if anything is known it is so limited, that man has always something to say about all that I operate in my works through the veils of creatures. They reach the point of saying: ‘And why have this good and these knowledges not been given before, while there have been so many great Saints?’ But in eternity there will be no secrets, I will reveal everything, and will show all things and my works with Justice, and how Justice could never have given, had there not been sufficient acts in the creature to be able to give what the Supreme Majesty wants to give. It is true that everything that the creature does is my grace, but my grace itself wants to find the prop of the dispositions and good will of the creature. Therefore, in order to restore the Kingdom of my Will upon earth it takes sufficient acts of the creature, so that my Kingdom may not remain in the air, but may descend, to be formed upon the very acts of the creature formed by her to obtain a good so great.

This is why I push you so much to go around in all Our works – Creation and Redemption – so that you may place the share of your acts, your ‘I love You’, your adoration, your gratitude, your ‘thank You’ upon all Our works. Many times I have done this together with you; and then, as the fulfillment, after your round in Our Will comes your refrain, so pleasing to Us: ‘Supreme Majesty, your little daughter comes before You, on your paternal knees, to ask You for your Fiat, your Kingdom, that It be known by all. I ask You for the triumph of your Will, that It may dominate and reign over all. I am not the only one who asks this of You, but with me are your works and your very Will. Therefore, in the name of all, I ask – I plead for your Fiat.’ If you knew what a breach in Our Supreme Being is this refrain of yours! We feel We are being prayed

by all Our works, beseeched by Our very Will; Heaven and earth pray on their knees to ask Us for the Kingdom of the Eternal Will. Therefore, if you want It, continue your acts, so that, by reaching the established number, you may obtain what you long for with so much insistence.”

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I was turning for all the Creation and asked in every created thing the kingdom of the Supreme Fiat, and my adored Jesus moving in my interior said to me: “My daughter, since all created things are fixed in God, as you in every one of them asks for the kingdom of my Divine Will, thus created things move in God and ask for my kingdom, each of them forms its suppliant wave, the incessant motion in order to ask that which you want. And since created things are none other than acts brought forth from my Divine Will, giving to every single act an office, thus as you ask for my kingdom in every created thing, you put in exercise all the offices of the acts of my Supreme Volition around the Divine Being and you make asked by our goodness, by our power, by our justice and mercy, by our love and wisdom the kingdom of our Will, because every created thing contains each one our qualities, and we feel arrive one next to the other waves of goodness, of power, of justice, of mercy, of love, of wisdom, that with Divine ways they supplicate, pray, implore the kingdom of the Divine Fiat in the midst of creatures and we in seeing ourselves so very prayed to by the same acts of our Divine Volition we ask: who is she that moves a Will so great with all his innumerable acts to ask that we give our kingdom to creatures? And our acts respond to us: it is the little daughter of the eternal Volition, it is and the daughter of us all, that with so much love moves our acts to ask that which everyone wants; and in the excess of our love we say: oh! It is the little daughter of our Volition! Leave her to do it, to her it is given everywhere to penetrate, leave her step free, because she won't do other, nor ask for something if not that which we want.”

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. . . After this having followed my round in the Divine Fiat I was gathering all created things where all the acts of the Divine Fiat are dominant, and I gathering Heaven, the Sun, the sea and all the Creation all together, I brought everything together before the Supreme Majesty in order to surround him with all his works and, to make called by his acts of his own Will the kingdom of the Divine Fiat upon the earth, but while I did this my amiable Jesus moved in my interior and said to me: “My daughter, I feel as all (of) Heaven makes your demand echo and they repeat amongst themselves, the Angels, the Saints, the Sovereign Queen, Fiat! Fiat! Your Will, as in Heaven so in earth, since it is demanded by Heaven, it is the kingdom that interests everyone, everyone feels a duty to ask that which you want, they feel in themselves the same strength of the power of my same Divine Will from which everyone is animated and they repeat: the Will of Heaven is one with the earth. Oh! how beautiful it is, how harmonious it resounds, when an echo of the earth invests all Heaven and forms one echo alone, one Will alone, one demand alone. And all the blessed say between themselves taken with admiration: Who is she who brings the whole cortege of the divine works before the Divinity and with the power of the Divine Fiat that she possesses overwhelms us all and makes us ask for a kingdom so Holy? No one has had this power, no one until now has asked for the kingdom of the Fiat with such power and empire, at the most some have asked for the glory of God, some the salvation of souls, some

the reparation of so many offenses, all things that are referred to the external works of God, instead asking for the kingdom of the Divine Volition are his interior works, the most intimate acts of God, it is the destruction of sin, not salvation only but divine sanctity in creatures, it is the liberation from all spiritual and bodily evils, it is transporting the earth in Heaven in order to make descend Heaven in earth. Therefore asking for the kingdom of my Divine Will is the greatest thing, most perfect, most holy, and therefore all reverent they respond to your echo and the beautiful harmony resounds in the Celestial Country, Your Will be Done as in Heaven so in earth.”

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After this I felt a little more suffering, and I coughed strongly. To every blow of cough I asked the Divine Will, that he might come to reign upon the earth; and my dear Jesus, all tenderness, squeezed me between his arms, saying to me:

“My daughter, I knew that you would have asked my Will of me to every blow of your cough, and I felt my Heart wounded and bursting with love, and I felt myself re-give in your cough my immensity, that involved me and asked my Will of me; my power and infinity, that made me ask of everyone my reigning Will, so much so that I myself was constrained to say: ‘My will, come to reign, delay no more!’ I feel such violence, that I do not do anything else other than to do and say that which the creature does and says.

“Therefore I want that you ask my Will of me in your sufferings, in the food that you take, in the water that you drink, in the work that you do, in sleep; I want that you pledge your breath and heartbeat to ask me that my Will come to reign. So that everything will be occasions for you to ask my Will of me, even in the sun that fills your eye with light, in the wind that blows (upon) you, in the sky that you see stretch over your head. Everything must be occasions for you to ask me for my Will to rule in the midst of creatures. With this you will put so many pledges in my hands; and the first pledge will be all your being, because you won’t move if you won’t ask of me that my Will be known and longed for by everyone.”