

On Earth as in Heaven

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

MATTHEW 6:10

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Before Jesus teaches us to pray these words,
He lives them.

He is the only person
who ever did the Father's will on earth
as it's done in heaven—
fully, joyfully, constantly,
without hesitation,
without resistance,
without drift.

You may not know this about Jesus,
He didn't obey the Father
by drawing on His divine power.
He obeyed by depending on the Spirit,
the same Spirit He gives us.

This is the mystery:
the life Jesus lived
is the life Jesus now lives
in His people.

He said,
"I do nothing on my own." Jn 8:28
"I seek not my own will." Jn 5:30
"I only do what I see the Father doing." Jn 5:19

Heaven's obedience
lived on earth
through Him.

And now,
heaven's obedience
lived on earth

through us.

Paul said it plainly:

“For me to live is Christ.” Gal 2:20

Not effort.

Not performance.

Presence.

Christ living His life

in mine.

This is why Jesus teaches us

to pray for the Father’s will.

Not because we can accomplish it,

but because He can accomplish it

in us.

Heaven’s life

does not enter earth

through our strength.

It enters through our surrender.

Jesus lived the Father’s will

as a man filled with the Spirit,

and He fills us

with the same Spirit

so the same life can rise in us.

This is the wonder of the kingdom:

the Father’s will

done on earth

because the Son

lives in His people.

Not perfectly yet.

Not fully yet.

But truly.

Increasingly.

The life of heaven

taking root in the soil of earth

through the life of Christ.

This is why the prayer matters.

When we say,

“Your will be done,”

we are not asking for a burden.
We are asking for a miracle—
Christ living His life
through ours.

Heaven touching earth
through the obedience
He empowers.

Where do I need to stop trying
and start trusting Christ
to live His life in me?

I don't want to imitate Jesus
in my own strength.
I want Jesus
to live His life
through mine.

Father, let Your will be done in me
the way it was done in Jesus—
not by effort,
but by Your Spirit.
I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.