

# All Age Worship Service

(AAW002)

**The Lord's Prayer 2:  
“Your kingdom  
come, your will be  
done on earth as it is  
in heaven”**

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER 2: "YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN"

### Service Aim:

To teach people what praying "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" means.

### Biblical Reference(s):

Matthew 6:9-13, Matthew 2:1-2, Luke 19:36-38, John 19:19, Revelation 19:16, Acts 12:4-11

### Outline of Service:

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| Welcome:             | Introduce the theme   |
| Opening Prayer:      |   |
| Opening songs:       | <u>A couple of songs to draw people into worship</u> (See Appendix 1)   |
| Warm up:             | Quiz matching Kings to their countries.   |
| Bible readings:      | Matthew 2:1-2, Luke 19:36-38, John 19:19, Revelation 19:16  |
| Talk 1:              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Jesus is King</li> <li>ii) The Kingdom of God is where God's will is done</li> <li>iii) "What is the Kingdom of God like?"</li> </ul>   |
| Songs:               | <u>Songs worshipping King Jesus</u> (See Appendix 1)  |
| Link:                | a) Praying "Your kingdom come" in our lives   |
| Film:                | "The stool"   |
| Talk 2:              | Are we allowing Jesus to reign over every part of our lives?  |
| Confession Activity: | Pass around "White flags" and pray a prayer of surrender  |
| Songs:               | <u>Song/s of surrender to the Lord</u> (See Appendix 1)   |
| Link:                | b) Praying "Your kingdom come" for other people and situations  |
| Bible Reading:       | Acts 12:4-11 (Dramatized)   |
| Talk 3:              | Praying "Your kingdom come" is a powerful prayer  |
| Prayer Activity:     | Praying with "party poppers"  |
| Prayers:             | Using pictures praying "Your kingdom come" for different situations   |
| Summary:             | <p>Praying "Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• praying for Jesus the King to rule over our lives, and</li> <li>• praying for Jesus to come and act in another person's life / situation</li> </ul> |
| Final song:          | <u>Final song</u> (See Appendix 1)  |
| Blessing:            |   |

## Notes for the service:

General notes and instructions for the service are in black font.

**Prayers or responses said by the congregation together are in bold purple font.**

The full script of a talk or other activity is in purple font.

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## Welcome:

Welcome everyone to the service and explain to people that you will be looking at the second two lines of “The Lord’s Prayer” during the service ie “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”

## Opening Prayer:

You may choose to open the service with:

- an informal prayer
- a prayer from a book like “New Patterns for Worship”<sup>1</sup> that the congregation can say together,
- or the following prayer that the congregation can say together:

**Lord we are here to worship you.  
Would you meet with us through your Spirit,  
Teach us through your Word,  
Show us where we need to change,  
And give us all we need to serve you in the world.  
For the glory of your name. Amen.**

## Opening Songs:

A couple of songs to draw people into worship as per Appendix 1

## Warm up:

The warm up is a simple Quiz where the congregation are invited to match Kings to the countries they reign over (See Appendix 2). A King’s name is shown (either projected or on a large piece of paper) together with a picture of the flag of the country they reign over. The congregation are then asked which country they reign over out of five options given. You might say something like:

King Harald V rules over one of the countries of the world.

- Does King Harald V reign over Belgium, Jordan, Lesotho, Norway or Spain?
- We have given you a picture of the flag to help you guess.

Which country do you think King Letsie III rules over?

- Is it Belgium, Jordan, Lesotho, or Spain?.....

Keep going until all the kings and countries have been matched. You might like to invite two mixed teams of people to the front of church to take part in this quiz and then give out plastic “rulers” for prizes! At the end of the Quiz you might say something like:

This morning as we think about what it means to pray, “Your Kingdom come, your will be done,”

- we begin by recognising that as each kingdom on earth has a King, so does God’s Kingdom. Listen to these readings:

<sup>1</sup> Church House Publishing – ISBN 0715120603

## Bible Readings:

The Bible readings are Matthew 2:1-2, Luke 19:36-38, John 19:19 and Revelation 19:16. The readings work best with some introduction and alternating between two people. This is shown in Appendix 3.

## Talk 1:

i) So who is the King in God's Kingdom?

- **Jesus is the King!** (*You might like to produce a visual aid of a crown with the word "JESUS" on the front of it or show a crown on power-point*)

Jesus isn't simply the King of one country or one nation, like the Jewish nation,

- He is **the** King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.
- So He is more powerful, more magnificent, more glorious and more worthy of honour and obedience than any other king.

Not only that but Jesus is also the most kind, most loving, most gentle, and best King that there has ever been or will be.

ii) So if Jesus is the King.....where is His Kingdom? Where does Jesus rule and reign? (*You might like to produce a visual aid of a "throne" ie chair covered in purple velvet drape or show a picture of a throne on power-point*)

- Unlike the kings we talked about earlier, who reign over pieces of land,
- Jesus reigns over a spiritual Kingdom.

The Kingdom of God is not a physical country like Belgium or Jordan,

- The Kingdom of God is wherever God's will is done,
- Where things are done God's perfect and loving way.

iii) So what is the Kingdom of God like?

The Kingdom of God is full of love, life, joy, peace, and goodness, because God's will is being done.

When we look at Jesus' life, we see the Kingdom of God in all sorts of ways.

- People were healed by Jesus from their diseases and others were set free from evil spirits.

Jesus spent time with people who others looked down upon or disliked;

- welcoming and valuing everyone from the smallest child to the oldest adult.

Jesus forgave people their sins,

- fed them when they were hungry and tired,
- served them in many ways, even washing the dirty feet of the disciples.

Jesus lived out His Kingdom's ways of love, humility, mercy, kindness and generosity.

Today we see God's kingdom in the lives of those who follow Jesus,

- who seek to love God and love others,
- and who continue to do the amazing things that Jesus did while he was on earth,

The Kingdom of God then is not a country.

- It is the place where things are done God's way.
- It is the way things are supposed to be,
- and one day we will see the Kingdom of God in all of its fullness when Jesus returns to earth to reign.

So let's stand now and worship Jesus the King, who alone is worthy of our worship.

## Songs:

Songs worshipping King Jesus as per Appendix 1

## Link:

So what does it mean for us to pray: "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven?"

- Let's look at that in two parts.....
  - what it means for us personally,
  - and what it means for other people and situations.

Beginning with us:

- When we pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done," we are asking Jesus to rule over our lives.....
- to be our Lord and King in everything.
- We are choosing to do things His way rather than our way.

Jesus said that "*The Kingdom of God is within you*" (Luke 17:21)

- God's kingdom comes whenever we surrender our hearts to him and allow Him to rule. Watch this.

## Film:

A two minute film called "The stool"<sup>2</sup> works well as a way of challenging people about whether they are allowing Jesus to be King/Lord or not.

## Talk 2:

So praying "Your kingdom come, your will be done" for ourselves means allowing Jesus to be in charge.

The question is: "Are we willing to submit to Jesus and allow Him to be in charge?"

- because Jesus doesn't just want a part of us,
- He wants to reign over every part of our lives.

He wants to reign over:

- Our thinking, our speaking and our actions
- How we treat members of our family,
- The friends we choose to hang out with.

He wants to reign over the way that we do our work,

- what we watch on TV,
- what we do with our money and our possessions and so on.

<sup>2</sup> You can purchase "The Stool" from "Sermon Spice" at: <http://www.sermonspice.com/product/21240/the-stool> or you can view it on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3qh2dJxUy8>

In all of this Jesus' purpose for our lives is to make us more and more like him.

His purpose for our lives is not to make us rich and famous,

- but to give us the greatest treasure of all,
- a close and deep relationship with Himself that continues for all eternity.

When we pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done" on earth as it is in heaven,

- We are saying to Jesus, "Reign over me", "Be in charge of my life"

### **Confession Activity:**

How many of you know what "waving a white flag" means?

- It is a sign of surrender isn't it?

We are going to give you an opportunity now to invite Jesus to reign over every part of your life,

- to surrender to His good and perfect will.
- So let's pass around the white flags.

You could hand out a small white flag<sup>3</sup> on a cocktail stick to each person.

Alternatively you could hand out simple flags that have been made earlier using either a piece of thin white material or paper attached to a jumbo white smoothie straw<sup>4</sup>.

Once the white flags have been handed out say something like:

Please stand and hold the flag in your hand.....

As we pray this next prayer together,

- Please join in with as much of it as you are able to,
- waving your flag at the same time.....as a sign to Jesus that you are surrendering to him.

So let's pray together:

**Lord Jesus,  
We confess that we have often gone our own way;  
Doing what we have wanted to do rather than obeying you.  
Please forgive us.  
We surrender to you and ask you to come and reign over our lives.  
Reign over our thoughts, our words, and all that we do.  
Reign over all of our relationships and our resources,  
That we might live in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
For your glory and not ours, Amen.**

Follow this with a simple prayer of Absolution. This could be:

- an informal prayer led by the service leader or
- an Absolution prayer from a book like "New Patterns for Worship."

### **Songs:**

Song/s of surrender to the Lord as per Appendix 1

<sup>3</sup> Small white flags can be found on ebay ([www.ebay.co.uk](http://www.ebay.co.uk)) by putting into the search bar, "White sandwich flags."

<sup>4</sup> Jumbo smoothie straws can be purchased on ebay.

**Link:**

Having looked at what it means for us to pray: “Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven,” for ourselves,

- let’s look at what it means to pray this for other people and situations.

When we ask for God’s kingdom to come into someone else’s life or situation,

- we are asking God to come and act on behalf of the other person and to change their life in some way.
- Listen to what happened to Peter when the early church prayed for him.

**Bible Reading:**

The Bible reading is Acts 12:4-11. This could be read straight from a modern version of the Bible or dramatized as in Appendix 4

**Talk 3:**

The early church prayed earnestly for Peter,

- And God’s Kingdom came as he was released from prison,
- And able to continue the ministry that God had called him to.

Praying “Your Kingdom come, your will be done” for someone else might mean that:

- they are healed from some illness.
- It might mean that they come to know Jesus for themselves,
- Are provided with a new job,
- Given help with a difficult relationship,
- Or given strength to go through a tough situation.

Praying “Your kingdom come, your will be done” opens the door to God being involved in that person’s life,

- and so it is a very powerful prayer.

When we pray “Your Kingdom come, your will be done” for someone else’ life, it is a bit like letting off a party popper. (*Set off a large party popper.*)

- We are asking God to come and release His powerful blessings into that person’s life.

**Prayer Activity:**

Let’s have a go at that shall we?

- I need half a dozen people to volunteer to come and set off a party popper<sup>5</sup> at the appropriate time.
- Come and stand in a line at the front (*Have half a dozen people standing at the front facing the congregation and holding a party popper*)
- I would like you to set off your popper as soon as you have heard us all pray the words, “Your kingdom come, your will be done” – OK?

So let’s take a moment of quiet. PAUSE

- In the quiet ask the Lord to show you someone He wants you to pray for.

<sup>5</sup> Party poppers can be purchased on ebay ([www.ebay.co.uk](http://www.ebay.co.uk)) or on Amazon ([www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk))

It might be someone you know who isn't well who needs your prayers.

- It might be someone at school or at work who is having a hard time who needs God's help.
- It might be someone you know who doesn't yet know that Jesus loves them.
- Ask the Lord to show you someone. PAUSE

Now that you have a person's name in your head,

- Silently ask Jesus to come and touch that person with his love and his blessings. PAUSE

Together let's pray:

**"Your kingdom come, your will be done"** (*Party poppers are released*)

This week can I encourage you to keep praying for the person on your heart.

- It may take time to see things changing in their life,
- And we don't know what change the Lord will bring.

What we do know is that as we pray, God chooses to act in His perfect and loving way for the good of the person and to bless them.

As well as praying for other people, we can also pray for difficult situations.

Sometimes when we watch the news and see terrible things happening around the world, we don't know what to do.

- We can pray "Your kingdom come, your will be done" as we bring those situations to Father God, asking Him to act,
- which is what we are going to do now.

### Prayers:

Prayers could be led by the service leader or by a family or by a Sunday school group etc. Project pictures of three or four situations that need prayer. These situations could be local ones or global ones. Pray a simple prayer for each situation and then end the prayer with the following response:

Your Kingdom come, your will be done  
**On earth as it is in heaven.**

End the time of prayer with the Lord's prayer.

### Summary:

Summarize the teaching points of the service ie:

Praying "Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" means:

- praying for Jesus the King to rule over our lives, (*show picture of white flag*)
- praying for Jesus to come and act in another person's life or situation (*show picture of party popper*)

### Final Song:

Lead into the final songs as per Appendix 1

**Blessing:**

Pray a simple prayer to end the service something like:

Go and seek first the Kingdom of God,  
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among  
you and remain with you always. Amen.

**[Notices:** If your church gives out verbal notices my suggestion is that you do that just before the final song. That way the flow of worship is unbroken]

## Appendix 1 - Ideas for Songs and Hymns:

i) A couple of songs to draw people into worship. Ideas include:

- Clap your hands (God is here) (Becky Drake & Nick Drake © 2008 Song Solutions Daybreak)
- Come, let us worship the King of kings (Nathan Fellingham © 2001 Thankyou Music)
- Come, now is the time to worship (Brian Doerksen © 1998 Vineyard Songs)
- Come people of the risen King (Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend © 2009 Thankyou Music)
- Jesus is King (Wendy Churchill © 1982 Authentic Publishing)
- O worship the King (Robert Grant)
- Water you turned into wine (Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin, Chris Tomlin & Jesse Reeves © 2010 Thankyou Music)

ii) Songs worshipping King Jesus. Ideas include:

- All glory to the King of ages (Paul Oakley & Chris Spring © 2005 Thankyou Music)
- All of my heart, all of my soul (Doug Marks-Smircich © 1991 Right on the mark)
- Bow down and worship (David Baroni & Tony Sutherland © 1994 Integrity's Praise Music)
- I love you Lord Jesus (David Mudie/Paul Crouch © 1989 Daybreak Music Ltd)
- The splendour of the King (Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeve & Ed Cash © 2004 Sixsteps Music)
- We bow down and confess (Viola Grafstrom © 1996 Thankyou Music)
- Welcome the King (Graham Kendrick © 1996 Make Way Music)
- You're King and you reign (Geraldine Latty & Carey Luce © 2003 Thankyou Music)

iii) Song/s of surrender to the Lord. Ideas include:

- All to Jesus I surrender (J.W.van de Venter © HarperCollins Religious)
- I give you all the honour (Carl Tuttle © 1982 Shadow Spring Music)
- I'm giving you my heart (Marc James © 2000 Vineyard Songs)
- Jesus be the centre (Michael Frye © 1999 Vineyard Songs)
- Jesus, Jesus, here I am (Philip Hawthorne © 1988 Seadream Music)
- Jesus my King, my wonderful Saviour (John Millard Harris adpt. Andy Bromley © 2005 Thankyou Music)
- King of Kings, majesty (Jarrod Cooper © 1996 Sovereign Lifestyle Music)
- Reign in me Sovereign Lord (Chris Bowater © 1985 Sovereign Lifestyle Music)
- Today I choose to follow (Brian Doerksen & Sandra Gage © 2003 Integrity's Hosanna Music)

iv) Final song. Ideas include:

- Come set your rule and reign (Rend Collective Experiment © 2011 Thankyou Music)
- Hear the call of the Kingdom (Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend © 2006 Thankyou Music)
- One shall tell another (Graham Kendrick © 1981 Thankyou Music)
- Rejoice the Lord is King (Charles Wesley)
- Shine from the inside out (Nick Jackson © 2007 Powerpack)
- The Kingdom of God is (Bryn Rees © O A Scott)
- There is a higher throne (Kristyn Lennox & Keith Getty © 2002 Thankyou Music)
- We want to see Jesus lifted high (Doug Horley © 1993 Thankyou Music)

## Appendix 2 – Quiz: “Kings and their countries”

1) King Philippe



He reigns over Belgium

2) King Abdullah II



He reigns over Jordan

3) King Letsie III



He reigns over Lesotho

4) King Harald V



He reigns over Norway

5) King Carl XVI Gustaf



He reigns over Sweden

(These were correct in August 2015 – I suggest you check them before you use them!)

### Appendix 3 – Bible Readings

- Reader 1: The first reading is about a time shortly after Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
- Reader 2: Matthew 2:1-2 says: *“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.””*
- Reader 1: The second reading is about when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.
- Reader 2: Luke 19:36-38 says: *“As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!””*
- Reader 1: The third reading is about when Jesus hung on the cross
- Reader 2: John 19:19 says: *“Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.”*
- Reader 1: The last reading talks about Jesus at the end of time.
- Reader 2: Revelation 19:16 says: *“On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORDS OF LORDS.”*

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## Appendix 4 – Dramatized Acts 12:4-11

**Cast:** Narrator, soldiers x2, members of the church (MC) x3, angel, guards x2

**Props:** 2 Chains for Peter's wrists, cloak for Peter

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 Narrator: After arresting Peter, King Herod had him put into prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each.

*(Enter Peter between two soldiers who march him up to the front of the church where they stand facing the congregation, with Peter in the middle. Each soldier wraps a piece of chain around their wrist and Peter's wrist so it looks like Peter is tied up to both of them)*

Herod intended to bring Peter out for public trial after the Passover. So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

*(Enter members of the church who go to the front of the church to one side and stand in a circle with their hands together and their heads bowed)*

MC1 Lord have mercy on Peter

MC2 Save him Lord

MC3 Peter is yours Lord. Please set him free

All MC's Lord have mercy  
*(MC's sit down in a circle and mime praying)*

Narrator: The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance.  
*(Soldiers and Peter mime sleeping)*

Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell.  
*(Enter angel)*

He struck Peter on the side and woke him up.

Angel: Quick, get up!

Narrator: The chains fell off Peter's wrists.  
*(Chains fall off Peter's wrist)*

Angel: Put on your clothes and sandals. Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.

Narrator: Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision.  
*(Peter and angel walk down the church past the two guards)*

They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said:

Peter: Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.

*Exit all*