# Welcome to Bible Study 24 July 2022 – "YOUR KINGDOM COME"

# Welcome everyone to the Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

## Opening Prayer Please pray together

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

# Q 1 Can you remember some of your first prayers as a younger person? What did you pray for?

## Music Worship 🎤

And can it be that I should gain **7** From heaven you came, helpless babe God has chosen me

#### Word; Psalm 138

- <sup>1</sup> I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.
- <sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.
- <sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.
- <sup>4</sup> May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.
- <sup>5</sup> May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.
- <sup>6</sup> Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.
- <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever do not abandon the works of your hands.

#### Word; Luke 11.1-13 Jesus's Teaching on Prayer

11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' <sup>7</sup> And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>11</sup> "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

- Q 2 Have you ever felt that God didn't answer your prayers? How did you feel? Did it affect your faith?
- Q 3 Do you think there is a connection between prayer and action?
- Q 4 What do you think Jesus meant by daily bread on and time of trial?

#### Works

Who can we pray for this week and apply action of love and compassion?

# Ending prayer Please pray together

God of mercy, you called us to live in peace with one another; grant the nation and our leaders the gift of knowing what things they ought to do and the grace and power to faithfully accomplish them. Make your word a lantern to my feet, and a light upon my path, Amen.

#### **Shalom**

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> He said to them, "When you pray, say:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation."