



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

Matthew 6:10

Best. Prayer. Ever. – YOUR will be done

Recently, the news has been filled with events that make it seem like the enemies of God are stopping his will from being accomplished. Many were found dead in an apartment fire in London. A gunman attacked U.S. Congressmen at a baseball practice. Seven sailors died as a Navy ship was struck by a cargo ship. Another shooting rampage makes the news. It seems like this kind of thing happens all the time. It seems like God's will is failing.

And yet know this: In spite of all appearances, God is mighty. And he always accomplishes his will. What God wants always happens. Nothing and no one can hinder him. Nothing and no one can stop him, especially when it comes to saving people.

See, God wants to bring people—all people—into his kingdom through the sharing of his saving name. In other words, the forgiveness of sins given in Jesus Christ offers the eternal answer to the bad events filling the news. Jesus explained it this way, "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day" (John 6:40).

Nothing will ever stop God in this. And we have proof of it. Remember Jesus as he faced his coming arrest, abuse, and ultimate death. It seemed like evil was winning. Yet God's will triumphed in the end, even defeating death when Jesus rose from the dead. Evil would not have its way. Sin would not win. Nothing would stop God. His will to save you and all world was done and finished even though evil tried its hardest to derail God's plan.

So pray this prayer when you come face to face with suffering or problems in this sinful world. Pray for God's will to be done because you know that Jesus already did everything to make the Lord's loving purposes come about. Neither national tragedy nor personal tragedy can erase the truth that those who believe in the Son have eternal life. God's will overrules whatever bad news is trending and whatever personal crisis you experience. As members of God's kingdom, we know that any suffering we face, like the suffering of Jesus, is not in vain.

Prayer:

**God works in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.**

**Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He has a smiling face. Amen.**

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