



## Prayers for His Kingdom

O Lord, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ: Let us rejoice that You came into the world, and for the sake of all people restored Your heavenly kingdom to order. We ask You humbly, O Lord, to reign over us so that we may truly serve You, our one and only King. Amen.

Lord, one thing I desire from You, and that I will seek, to dwell in Your house all the days of my life. Amen. (See Psalm 27:4.)

O Lord God Jesus Christ, You taught us that the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking for beautiful pearls. When he finds the one pearl of great price, he sells everything he has to buy it. This one pearl is the knowledge of You, that You are all loving and all wise and that everything good in our lives comes from You. Help us to find this great pearl that will bring us into the kingdom of heaven. Amen.

Lord, let me receive Your love and faith, so that I may have heaven within me. For if I have heaven within myself in this world, I will be able to enter heaven after death. Amen. (See *Arcana Coelestia* 10717.)

Lord, through Your parables You tell us of the treasures of Divine truth that are hidden in Your Word. Help me to set aside my own selfish thoughts and desires, so that I may gain those truths and make them my own by living according to them. Help me to learn to love Your truths not for the sake of my own reputation and gain, but for the sake of Your eternal kingdom and its uses. Amen. (See *Apocalypse Explained* 840 and 863.)

O Lord, I rejoice at Your Word, as one who finds great treasure, as the man in the parable rejoiced when he found treasure in a field and sold all that he had to buy it. Amen. (See Psalm 119:162 and Matthew 13:44.)

Lord, we pray that You will sow the tiny seed of goodness within us, and nurture its growth, so that it can become a tree which the birds of the air can nest in. As long as we imagine that we are the source of the good that we do, this will remain small. But when this good can be joined with faith, with the belief that all good is from You alone, our love can develop into a tree, and become a resting place in our minds for Your truths. Amen. (See Matthew 13:31-32 and *Arcana Coelestia* 55:3).

Father in heaven, I will not be afraid, for I know that it is Your good will to give me the kingdom. Amen. (See Luke 12:31-32.)