

Day of prayer and fasting - Wednesday 14th July 2010

Your will be done - Matthew 6:10b

The first petition of the Lord's Prayer was "May your name be hallowed." That is - may your name be set apart, respected, revered and feared. The second petition was "May your kingdom come." That is - may God's royal rule be established everywhere. Today we are asking for God's will to be done. Don't you find it fascinating, that the focus of Christ's prayer and indeed the pattern for which our prayers should follow, places God's agenda before our own.

Selah

At one of our Sunday evening bible studies which was regarding prayer, we were given an exercise. The exercise was to study the pattern of prayer as practiced by Nehemiah and Daniel.

Read their prayers for your self and see if you can create a simple framework for your own prayers today. The bible passages where their prayers can be found are Nehemiah chapter 1 and Daniel chapter 9:1-19

Note the thing which was a major concern for Nehemiah in verses 1:3-4. And note the point at which he petitions the Lord 1:11.

Extra Bible reading

Luke 22:39-42

Prayer

Today you are free to compile your own prayer list but with one condition, you must only consider and pray about things that God really desires.

One other thing to think about as you prepare your lists, what makes you so sure that the things you are praying about are really in the will of God.

Don't forget the fasting times; choose the most effective track for you

Track one: 9am – 6pm

Track two: midnight on Tuesday – 6pm Wednesday

Track three: 8pm Tuesday till 3pm Wednesday afternoon