

Maranatha Worship Centre Prayer Focus January 2025

# Theme: Kingdom Living - A lifestyle with the King!

The kingdom is defined as the spiritual reign or authority of God. Kingdom Living means that we are living fully in line with our Father, who has all authority and power over our lives as his children. He wants us to thrive, be successful, and take full advantage of the authority who have to reign as kingdom citizens. God is giving us authority, power, and domination over the enemy and every tactic he tries to bring against us. When we operate under a **Kingdom** lifestyle, we put

Christ first, and he makes known to us his good deeds and treasures. Let our focus and heart posture be turned to the Word of God in Romans 14:17 "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Let's take our right places & proclaim Kingdom Living!!!

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Praise Break, Adoration, Thanksgiving

Prayer of Forgiveness/Repentance - Acts 3:19 "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

# \*Foundation Scripture: Psalm 145:11-13 (recite together)

"(11) They shall speak of the glory of thy **kingdom**, and talk of thy power; (12) To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his **kingdom**. (13) Thy **kingdom** is an everlasting **kingdom**, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

### **Supporting Scriptures**

Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Luke 12:32 "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 17:21 "Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

We are praying for the power of the kingdom over ourselves, family, church, and community. **Prayer Points - The Kingdom:** 

1. In Mercy - we want to reflect God's mercy



a. Mercy is when God, out of His lovingkindness, withholds punishment that we rightfully deserve because of our sin<sup>1</sup>. We are praising God for his mercy that he extends to us because of our kingdom citizenship. Psalm 30:10-11 " Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper. Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

### 2. In Love - we want to reflect God's *love*

a. God has an intense love for us. His love is so deep that he sent his son Jesus Christ to be born, live, and die so that we have an opportunity to an eternal kingdom lifestyle. We must mimic the Father, and show love. *I John 4:16* "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

### 3. In Increase - we want to reflect God's grace

a. As followers of Christ, we are commanded to grow in the grace of our God. Grace is the unmerited divine assistance given to humans for their regeneration or sanctification.<sup>2</sup> II Peter 3:17-18 "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."

### 4. In Faith - we want to reflect God as faithful and true

a. Kingdom living means that our faith is lived out daily in truth. Faith is seen before you believe. We are held accountable for activating our faith to make us mature kingdom citizens. *James 2:20* "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?"

### 5. In Authority - we want to reflect God as Lord

a. A kingdom lifestyle means we have authority on earth. God has empowered us to take authority over situations that do no line up with the Word of God. We want to reflect/represent God as Lord and the one in authority. *Luke 9:1-2* "Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick."

### 6. In Power - we want to reflect God as Almighty

- a. God is the almighty (powerful) God. He had dominion over the earth. Therefore, in our Kingdom living, we must know without a shadow of doubt the Almighty and Powerful God has given us access to possess the keys of the kingdom. *Matthew 28:18* "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."
- 7. In Unity we want to reflect God's unity among believers



a. A Kingdom family is not divided. We have unity as a body of believers. Our connections are strong. Our bonds are unbreakable. United we Stand for Kingdom Living! Ephesians 4:1-3 "therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

### **Prayer Declarations**

- 1. *I am* a kingdom citizen. I walk with my head held high because I know who my Father is. I am royalty. I will not allow negative self talk, distraction, or anything to hinder me from my Kingdom Lifestyle.
- 2. **Our family** (spouse, children, extended family members) operate as kingdom citizens. We are all related to the most High God. Our husbands wear a crown that represents royalty. Our wifes wear crowns fit for only a Queen just as Esther did. Our children and relatives are royalty because it's in our bloodline and DNA. Nothing the enemy tries to do can take away our birthrights, as Kingdom citizens. We are walking in our Kingdom Lifestyle everywhere we go.
- 3. *Our Churches* (Pastor, Leaders) represent the Kingdom of God. Everywhere our Pastors and leaders go gives them an opportunity to brag on our true God. King Jesus will never fail and will always be exalted in our pastors, leaders, in our services and community.
- 4. *Our Nation* (city, state, government leaders) represents what the kingdom should look and sound like, even here on earth. We decree all of our governmental officials operate with a mind to please the true and living King.



### **Daniel Fasting Guidelines**

Foods to **INCLUDE** in your diet during the Daniel Fast:

- All fruits/vegetables
- All whole grains
- All nuts and seeds
- All legumes
- All quality oils/seasonings
- Water/tea (herbal not caffeine)
- Soy foods (tofu)

### Foods to ELIMINATE from your diet during the Daniel Fast:

- All meat and animal products
- All dairy products
- All sweeteners
- All leavened bread
- All refined and processed food products/junk food
- All deep-fried foods/All solid fats
- All non-water beverages/caffeine drinks

Remember to read the label! If you have questions about whether a certain food is permitted on the Daniel Fast, take a look at the ingredient list included on the label.

Use wisdom! **If you are elderly or have health issues, consult with your physician before beginning the Daniel Fast.** You can always create a modified version of this fast for your own use. Remember, ANY time or type of fasting combined with prayer can be effective. God will always honor the personal sacrifice you are making.

In your service,

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### References

- <sup>1</sup> https://e360bible.org/blog/mercy-biblical-definition/
- <sup>2</sup> <u>https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/grace</u>