

# Should we pray, "not mine, but Thy will be done?"

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When Jesus prayed to the Father, before His crucifixion, "not Mine, but Thy will be done", is cited why we should also pray this way. But, let's look at these scriptures the reason why Jesus said this.

**Matthew:** My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me, unless I drink it, Your will be done, **Matthew 26:39**. My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me, nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will, **Matthew 26:42**.

**Mark:** Abba Father, all things are possible for You, take this cup away from Me, nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will, **Mark 14:36**.

**Luke:** Father if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Yours be done, **Luke 22:42**.

**John's gospel** does not contain this plea, but rather prayers given by Jesus in the garden, for His disciples and for all others that would become believers **chapter 17**.

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Jesus knew that He was born to save a lost world.

- In all four Gospels, Jesus foretells of His death to His disciples several times.
- Jesus prayed: "Father, save Me from this hour"? But for this purpose I came to this hour, **John 12:27**.
- In the old testament the prophet Isaiah tells of the birth and death of the Son of God.
- He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter...He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth, **Isaiah 53:7,9**.
- He only did the Father's will.. "For I only do the will of my Father, the One who sent Me", **John 5:30**.

So why did Jesus pray "not Mine, but Thy will be done?" When Jesus said this at Gethsemane, according to Luke's gospel, (a physician by trade), He was sweating drops of blood, **Luke 22:44**, This shows Jesus in the fullness of His humanity, as the Son of Man, the King of the Jews and the servant of man.

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The Lord's prayer is the other occurrence where it's recorded, "Your will be done".

it is found in both **Matthew 6:9** and **Luke 11:2**. Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

So what does "Thy will be done", mean?

It's the Father's will the kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven. Scripture tells us that the kingdom is within us, **Luke 17:21**. therefore as we acknowledge it, we will also usher His kingdom into the earth.

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When we pray not mine, but Thy will be done we are in essence saying, to the Father, either outcome, (it really does not matter). If this is your thoughts and philosophy, why even bother then to pray.

The most important reason why we should not pray "not my will but, Thy be done" is that we should know the Father's will! If we are walking in His ways, we will then know His will and we will not need to question it. For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, **Colossians 1:9**.

So then, how do we get to know what the Father's will is?

By reading God's scripture, believing in Him, praising Him and praying to Him.

