

Sea of Change

Luke 11: | “Lord, teach us to pray...”

Matthew 6: 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for **they think they will be heard because of their many words.** **8** Do not be like them, for **your Father knows what you need before you ask him.**

John 6: 16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, **17** where they got into a boat and **set off across the lake for Capernaum.** By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. **18** A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. **19** When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. **20** But he said to them, “**It is I;** don’t be afraid.”

Matthew 14: 28 “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied,
“tell me to come to you on the water.”
29 “Come,” he said.

John 6: 21 Then they were willing to take him into
the boat, and immediately **the boat reached the
shore** where they were heading.

**It takes faith to leave the boat and
join Jesus where he is.**

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join Jesus where he is.**

**It also takes faith to welcome
Jesus into your boat to get you
where you need to go.**

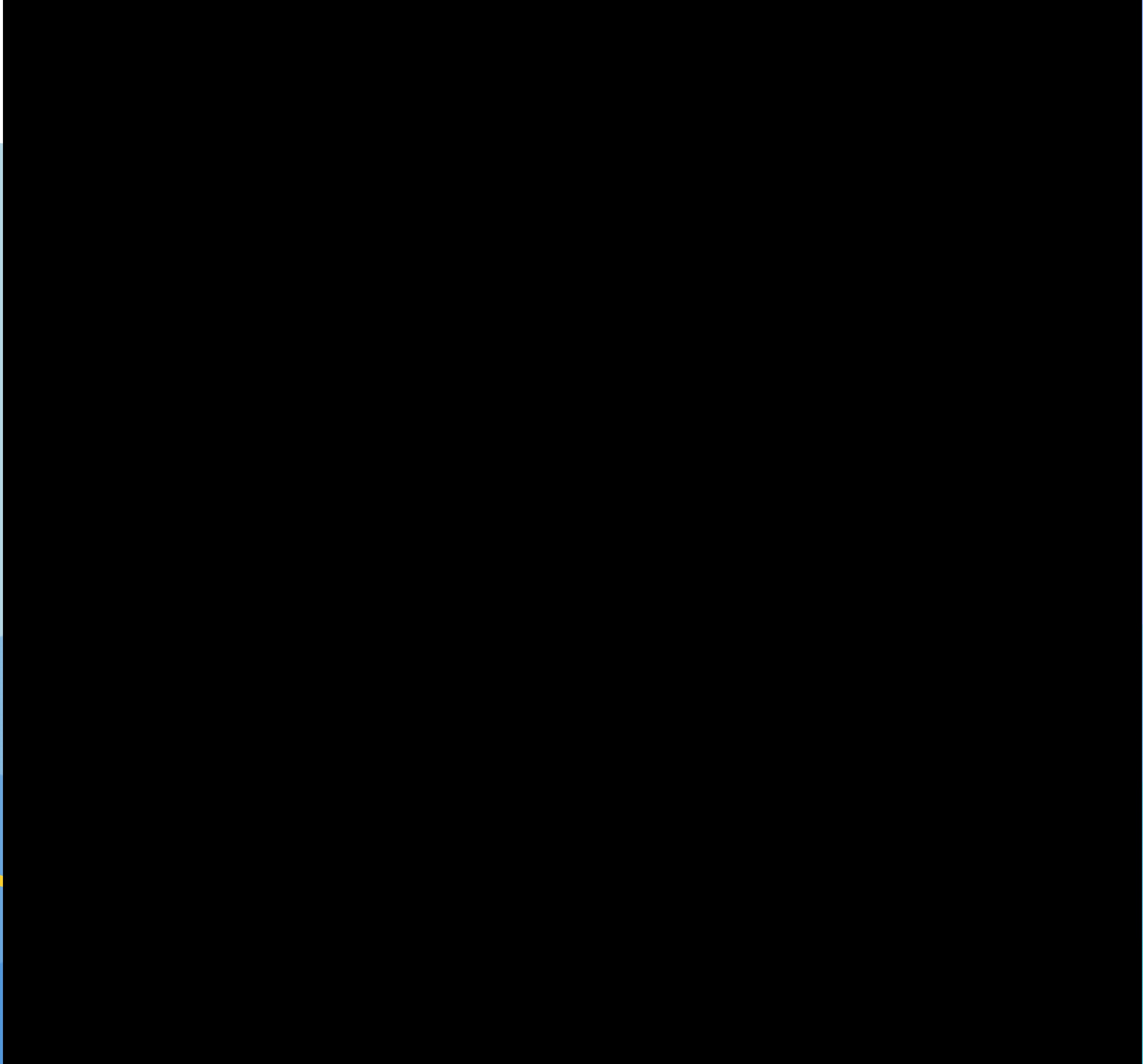
When we understand who
Jesus is and receive him into
our lives, we will arrive where
we (and Jesus) want to go.

The problem of prayer is not one
of faith.

It's a problem of position.



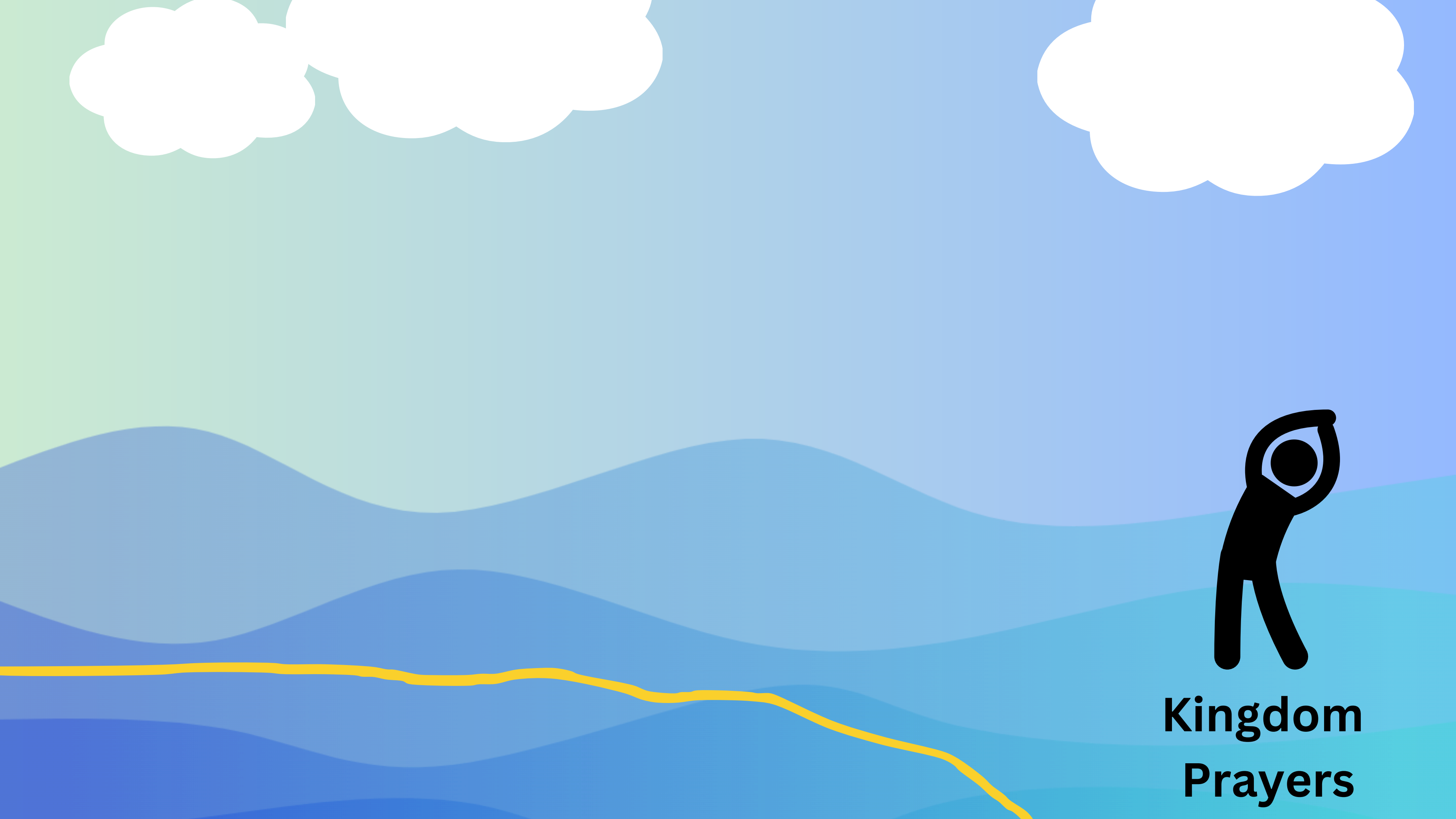
Daily Bread Prayers



A stylized landscape with a person praying. The background is a gradient of light blue and green. There are three white, fluffy clouds in the sky. The ground is represented by several layers of blue and teal wavy shapes, suggesting hills or a field. A yellow line runs across the middle of the landscape. A black stick figure is standing on the left side, with its arms raised in a prayerful gesture. The text 'Daily Bread Prayers' is written in bold black font at the bottom left, and 'Kingdom Prayers' is written in bold black font at the bottom right.

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**Kingdom
Prayers**



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What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations more and novel methods but individuals whom the Holy Ghost can use--individuals of prayer, individuals mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through people. He does not anoint plans, but people--people of prayer.

E.M. Bounds

Prayers offered in the shallows
allow us to act in faith with
one hand still on the wheel.

It requires less faith to pray
one hand still on the wheel.

What is the use of praying if at the very moment of prayer, we have so little confidence in God that we are busy planning our own kind of answer to our prayer?

—Thomas Merton, Catholic writer and mystic (1915-1968)

The purpose of prayer is NOT so
God can enter your kingdom and
swim around in the shallows.

Prayer is about you entering God's
Kingdom in the deep waters.

Matthew 6: 9 “This, then, is how you should pray:
“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
10 your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

So often, when God worked His will, He met individuals in the deep waters.

Moses, Jonah, Disciples, Paul

The deep is a place...

of few distractions
where you deal with God alone
where God calms the storms
where Jesus proclaims “It is I”

Acts 7: 59 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” **60** Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “**Lord, do not hold this sin against them.**” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 8: 1 And Saul approved of their killing him.

My prayer for the Kwcooc:

Transition from being a church
that prays to a praying church.

A church that prays focuses on
'Daily Bread' prayers.

A praying church focuses on
prayers in the deep.

A church that prays is surprised by
God's answer (cf. Acts 12).

A praying church expects God to
answer.

A church that prays turns to prayer
as a reaction to stimuli.

A praying church uses prayer as a
preemptive action against stimuli.

A church that prays wants God to do the heavy lifting in the answer.

A praying church understands God wants to partner with us in the answer.

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