

Bible Study Opening – June 2025

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
9 "Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav'n as -
10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
cend - ing, And, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly
teach - ing; So shall the king - dom's work be wrought And hon - ored



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
Spir - it send - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And
in your preach - ing. But watch lest foes with base al - loy The



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you.
heav'n - ly trea - sure should de - stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you."

The Second Petition of The Lord's Prayer: **"Thy Kingdom Come."**

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Memory Verse – Mark 1:15 – [Jesus said,] "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Prayer (From Luther's Small Catechism, 2017, p. 251)

Father in heaven, give us Your Holy Spirit so that we believe Your Holy Word and live as members of Your gracious kingdom here in time and finally, by Your mercy, be brought to live as partakers of Your everlasting reign' through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.