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Give thanks for our King—his rule is majestic and victorious, his throne lasts forever, his rule is righteous.

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Jesus announces the Kingdom of God and calls upon people to take note.

Give thanks for the good news of the Kingdom of God.

Give thanks for the coming of our King.

Do what the King says—repent and believe.

Pray 'please forgive me'.

Give thanks that through Jesus' death and resurrection, he has opened up the Kingdom of God.

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A Kingdom has Subjects / *Read Matthew 6:33*

In bringing his Sermon on the Mount to a close, Jesus tells his disciples not to worry—the provision of the heavenly Father is more than sufficient. Instead, seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Pray that the concerns of this life won't crowd out or distract you from the concerns of the Kingdom.

Pray that you order your priorities as a willing subject of God's Kingdom.

Live for the Kingdom / *Read Mark 10:13-25*

The context of this passage shows that the disciples were concerned with their own greatness (Mark 9:34-37), so Jesus takes a child in his arms and teaches about the greatness of being in the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom, he says belongs to those who, like children who depend on others, are dependent on God. There is a powerful challenge to those who are wealthy, highly qualified, highly accomplished, highly self-sufficient—we should live for the Kingdom dependent upon Jesus.

Pray that you live for his Kingdom—with dependent, childlike faith.

Pray that you live for his Kingdom—not resting on your own achievements or status or wealth.

The Kingdom is coming / *Read Revelation 21:1-5*

There is a time coming when a new heaven and a new earth will be ushered in and the dwelling of God will be with people—he will live with them and sit on his throne overseeing all that is new.

Pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Pray for the return of Jesus.

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In the gospels, Jesus sent out the disciples to preach the Kingdom of God (c.f. Luke 9:2). In Acts we see them doing just that (c.f. Acts 8:12). The apostle Paul, in accord with his commission from Jesus 'boldly and without hindrance, preached the Kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ'.

Pray for opportunities to speak about Jesus.

Pray by name for those you'd like to see become Christians and come under the Kingship of Jesus.

Give thanks that through Jesus—like the thief on the cross—people may enter God's Kingdom though faith in him.

Pray that all at Trinity City might, in many and varied ways, proclaim the Kingdom of God.

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