



# Closing the Gap:

*Where am I?  
Where do I want to be?*



**He who answers before listening —  
that is his folly and his shame.**

Proverbs 18:13

**“This, then, is how you should pray:  
“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your  
name, your kingdom come, your will be  
done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
today our daily bread. Forgive us our  
debts, as we also have forgiven our  
debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from the evil  
one.’**

**Matthew 6:9-13**



**The kingdom of God is where what  
God wants done is done.**



**It is, in essence, how to live more and more on earth as you will someday in heaven.**



**The promises of God are not all  
future...but they are also not  
guarantees of a life free from  
trouble...but of a life full of him.**



**Pray...for kings and all those in  
authority, that we may live peaceful  
and quiet lives in all godliness and  
holiness.**

1 Timothy 2:2



**These are certainly neither the "best of times or the worst of times" in American history.**





**A prayer of closing the gap**



**When the King of the universe came  
as a man to demonstrate what life in  
the Kingdom is like...he served,  
washed feet, then ultimately he died.**



**We must become people who more  
and more are making life less and  
less about us...not just in words but  
in deeds.**





**It is so simple, so non-complex...that  
we can walk right past it.**



**Love God, love people...this is his  
kingdom come, this is his will done.**



**1. Knowing his will...what does his  
"Kingdom come look like?"**



**The will of God regarding how to live life in his Kingdom has been revealed in the words of the Bible and through the Word made flesh, Jesus.**





**Love the people God has given you to  
love.**



**2. A heart to obey...learning to want  
and to do what he wants.**

Jesus confessed that **all** things are possible for his Father (Mark 14:36) and he also asked that **if** possible this "cup" be taken from him (Matt. 26:39).

**There is no contradiction in these passages.**



**Jesus did not want to bear the cup of  
God's wrath *and* Jesus wanted to  
bear the cup of God's wrath.**

**Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.**

**Hebrews 12:3-4**