The Doxology of Prayer
Matthew 6:13b
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Introduction:

The Lord’s Prayer ends the same way it began. We began with “hallowed be thy name” and we end with “thine is the glory.” We began with “thy kingdom come” and we end with “thine is the kingdom.” We began with “thy will be done” and we end with “thine is the power.” We began with “on earth as it is in heaven” and we end with “forever and ever.” Jesus teaches us that when we finish praying, we are to offer God a doxology. The ultimate purpose of prayer is to praise and glorify the Lord.

Doxology is made up of two words that mean to praise and to speak or utter. So in reality a doxology is an utterance of praise.

1 Chronicles 29:10-11 (NASB77) So David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, "Blessed art Thou, O LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever. "Thine, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Thine is the dominion, O LORD, and Thou dost exalt Thyself as head over all.

Some people are so sophisticated in their worship that they quench the Spirit. A doxology is like a pressure valve exploding after it reaches the apex of its boiling point.

Four Areas of Praise That a Doxology Should Express:

I. Praise for His Sovereignty.

Matthew 6:13a For yours is the kingdom...

II. Praise for His Power.

Matthew 6:13c For yours is the kingdom and the power...

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NASB77) Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.
III.  Praise for His Glory.

Matthew 6:13c For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory...

Glory is the Old Testament word for Kabod.

Glory is the New Testament word for Doxa.

Doxa is where we get the word for Doxology.

IV.  Praise for His Eternality.

Matthew 6:13c For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.