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Your will be done

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At that time Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not say a word in answer to her. His disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did him homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of

their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour. (Mt 15, 21-28)

Jesus asks us to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and then He assures us that the rest will be given to us in addition. Therefore, even in the case of the pagan woman, Jesus tries to arouse and increase her faith, even to the point of requiring her to make a public witness, before granting the miracle she implored. Ask yourself sincerely: when you say a prayer to obtain something, do you expect the Lord to do your will or are you asking Jesus that His will be done even if it does not coincide with yours?