Q123. What does the second petition mean?

A. "Your kingdom come" means: Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you.[1] Preserve your church and make it grow.[2] Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your holy Word.[3] Do this until your kingdom fully comes,[4] when you will be all in all.[5]

1. Matt. 6:33 – "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
Ps. 119:5 – "O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!"
Ps. 143:10 – "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path."
2. Ps. 51:18 – "Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem;"
Ps. 122:6 – "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.'"
3. 1 John 3:8 – "Everyone who commits sin is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose: to destroy the works of the devil."
Rom. 16:20 – "The God of peace will shortly crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."
4. Rev. 22:17 – "The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift."
Rev. 22:20 – "The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"
Rom. 8:22–23 – "We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.
5. 1 Cor. 15:28 – "When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all."