

Title: The Lord's Prayer: Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

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Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [And Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]

Review: The Lord's Prayer

First part: who God is and His character

- "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
- the way we see God determines how we relate to God and how we see others
- We need to focus first on God than ourselves.
- Likewise, we ought to point people first to God

Second part: our needs

- Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- God wants to hear and meet our needs.

PETITION: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

GIVE

- Everything we have is a divine gift from God.

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

- Contrast: living in America easily lends to oversupply and over-indulgence. Easily forget our ultimate dependence on God's hand of grace and mercy.
- Do not take for granted God's gracious daily provision.

Daily bread - we do have to work for it.

2 Thessalonians 3:12

Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

- but any capacity and knowledge we have to work is a gift from God.
- we have no sufficiency in ourselves, but rather we are wholly dependent on the goodness of God.
- the more you have, the more you need this petition - remember everything is from God
- The more we have, the greater need to cry out to God for provision to not be deluded/deceived

1 Timothy 6:17

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

- Thanking God for everything is a sign of maturity. Saying grace before meal reminds us to be humble and thankful to God.

US

- Plural: every believer to pray for needs not just for oneself but also for others.
- Identify ourselves with others who have less (poor - both materially and spiritually)

James 2:15-16

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

- Giving daily bread to others is a spiritual matter.
- consider to show hospitality and give to others

Proverbs 14:31

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

- God has blessed us to be a blessing to others. Remember there is a world in need.
- Question: Are you looking around how you can bless others?
- Use what you have for the kingdom of God.
- o Remember the poor
- o Remember brothers and sisters in Christ around the world

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace

THIS DAY...DAILY [BREAD]

- Come to God daily, regularly, and repeatedly in prayer.

Proverbs 30:8-9

Remove far from me falsehood and lying;

give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.

- Fully depend upon God every day
- Old Testament example: God's provision of manna to Israel in desert (Exodus). They were only to gather only for that day, not store too much or would rot.

Contrast: overplan or be anxious for the future

Question: Do we plan such that we hold our material belongings loosely?

- Question: Do you worry?
 - o If always concerned for the future, may be a sign of improper view of God.

Matthew 6:34

Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

James 4:13-17

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

BREAD

- basic form of sustenance, main staple across all cultures

Exhortations

Do not be shy to ask for the most basic things of life

- Pleasures are a gift from God when used appropriately
- Even our appetites can be brought to God's throne of grace

Romans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Don't behave like a spoiled child.

- Don't forget to appreciate having the basics or instead wanting something other than what you have
- Spoiled child: a child who exhibits behavioral problems having been overindulged by parents and narcissistic.
- Contrast: don't take things for granted.
- Consider: fast for a period of time to have a renewed perspective
- Parents: teach what you have is out of God's grace.
- Culture: we often come to God with our "greeds", not our needs.

1 Timothy 6:8

But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

Psalms 146:5-7

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

Philippians 4:19

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Don't forget our physical realities meant to point us to a greater spiritual reality.

- bread is meant to point us to something greater.
- We depend upon God for our spiritual lives

Matthew 4:4

But he answered, "It is written,

'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

John 6:48-50

I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

John 6:53-55

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

- Anyone who wants to live forever with God must take Jesus in a way that a hungry man takes his daily bread.

Question: Do you really know Jesus, the Bread of Life?

- When haven't spent time with God regularly, do you feel that weakness as if when you miss a meal or have less food?

John 6:51

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

Related Passages

God's goodness

Psalms 84:11

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

Matthew 7:7-11

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Spiritual Daily Needs

John 6:27

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."

John 6:35

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Humility to God for provision

2 Chronicles 20:12

O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.

Psalms 73:26

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

John 15:4-5

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.