

The Lord's Prayer: Give Us This Day...

Matthew 6:9-13

Matt. 6:9-10

The first part is all about who God is.

Father... The One Who Frees Us

As Close as the Air We Breathe...

Everything about you is set apart

We want to be a part of what you're doing

Now we move to us.

Matthew 6:11

Give Us Today The Food We Need...

Drive-thru prayer...

N. T. Wright – *“rushing through the first part shows our hand, maybe even our heart. Jumping into our needs only proves that we’re still in charge. We’re Lord, not the one we just said was.”*

We can do the ACTS of prayer all we want, but if we’re rushing through everything else just to get to what we need, we’re missing out on so much of what God is trying to do in and through us.

God's Kingdom and Bread

Reminders of God's Provision

- Manna & Quail – Exodus 16
- Feeding of Elijah – 1 Kings 17
- Jesus – Matthew 4
- Feasts

Every time God fed his people, his children, his own Son it was good food!

Luke 11:11-13

The Lord's Prayer reveals that provision is at the heart of who God is.

-Mothers and providing...

Are we asking for too much? Are we overwhelming ourselves with our requests?

Give us this day the bread for tomorrow

Or give us each day

“Who gives us all that we need daily.”

Take a step back and just ask for what you need to get through THAT day, not the entire problem.

The Lord's Prayer makes us get specific.

Once this becomes whole kingdom praying turning to things we honestly need is no longer trivial. It's what children do when they love and trust their “Father.”

Specificity is key...

The pet peeve of general prayer or avoiding we need. Think of the prayer requests you offer up...

- Healing
- Friends/family who need something
- When's the last time you brought up something you really need spiritually, mentally, emotionally? Why?

Living in a world of excess and accommodation...

My trips around the world – Women only harvested and bought what they needed to feed their families for that day.

God, you know what I need today better than I do.

Sound Guy Life – *“Give them what they need not what they want.”*

What Jesus wants us to see is that what we need is him...

John 6:32-35

True hunger for God means actually letting him fill us daily.

This is life check up time. What are we hungry for? **What do we really need?**

Fooling ourselves into what we think we need.

God will not force feed us. He wants us to crave what only he can give us. He wants us to ask him for it.

The only way to come to find what we really need is get ourselves to walk in lock step with God's desires for us.

Thy Kingdom Come to Give us this Day

-Not mutually exclusive.

-This was also another reminder of God's arrived kingdom.

Matthew 19 – Rich Young Ruler

God's Kingdom has never been and will never be about who had the most.

I've lived long enough to know how to fake my way through a whole bunch of stuff. But if we really believe what Scripture tells us about how well God knows us, maybe it's time we stop fooling ourselves into thinking we need more than we really do. God knew exactly how much his people needed in the desert; he knew what his Son needed. It's quite possible that he knows just what we need. If excess is the key, there's never a reason to go back. Having what we need that day is God's way of trying to get us to see that he is always trying to draw us into deeper relationship with him.

The Lord's Prayer is an invitation to get all we need from the giver and sustainer of true life.