

Daily Ask & Trust 2018-07-22

Mt 6:9-11

*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."*

David Brainerd, missionary to Native Americans, 3-day storm story.

- If we ignore prayer: seems needless for self-sufficient, well-fed Americans.
 - How/if regularly pray is based on perception of what you can handle yourself and reveals either faith/trust or ungrateful/independent heart. Y.O.U.
 - I pray regularly for future provision but not much for present.

"Bread" is a symbol for all basic necessities of life, food, clothing, shelter, job, etc.

- Request for needs – not wants/greed/personal comfort. James 4:3, Proverbs 30:8-9

What we perceive as needs depends on our goals.

- Example: If goal is to be in Seattle by midnight tonight, then you need a plane.
- God's will should be the goal that determines our needs. Matthew 6:26-30, 33
 - Eternal priorities (God's glory: His name, His kingdom, His will) are the foundation to pray for temporal human needs.
- Daily request and affirm that God will supply all you need to do His will.
 - "Needs" can be different depending upon God's will for your life.

The Lord is glorified when He abundantly fulfills His promise to Christians to provide for necessities for life and service. Philippians 4:19, Psalm 37:25, 34:9-10, 2 Corinthians 9:8

- God created a world that could provide for everyone but He is not bound to meet physical needs of everybody. Genesis 1:29
- Like earthly father, God is concerned with giving necessities to His kids. *Gospel*
 - How does God's promise of provision apply to Hebrews 11:36-38
 - God supplies Christians earthly needs until His chosen time/way to enter presence of "Bread of Life" and receive eternal inheritance.

Fact that God "gives" does not negate responsibility to work and earn \$ food.

- Life, ability to work, possessions, talents, opportunities, all gifts from Lord.
 - Directly or indirectly, God is always the source of our daily provision.

Request fruit of humility (hardest-working person owes all he has to God's gracious provision) and call to generosity (help meet needs of others, especially Christians.

Matthew 6:11, Luke 12:31-34, 1 John 3:17, Psalm 37:25-26....last 3 requests plural not singular.

- God's primary way to care for those who can't work is through generosity of those able to work.....blessed to be blessing. JOY from ST message.
 - High view of human life beyond abortion/euthanasia issues.
 - Call to action: who will you bless out of your abundance?
- Help who can't work but not who won't. 2 Thessalonians 3:10b, Proverbs 13:4, 21:25, 24:34

His provision for our needs is daily, not weekly, monthly, or yearly.

- This does not mean don't save, plan, make provision for future (Proverbs 6:8-11) but does mean not to be anxious/fret about future as if you have no heavenly Father. Matthew 6:11, 31-34
 - Place hope/joy for future not in your efforts but in Jesus Christ and His provision.

To pray like this requires God-given humility to affirm we are totally needy and God is directly or indirectly the provider of everything we have and need.

- Ask Lord to supply all you need to do His will that day and for the faith to live with confidence that He will honor that promise.
 - By God's grace, be content with His present provision and trust in His faithfulness for all future provision. 1 Timothy 6:6, Philippians 4:11-13