



DAILY BREAD: PETITION

MATTHEW 6: 9-13 | RYAN PFEIFFER | MAY 18, 2025

Jesus starts us in heaven with his Father... his holiness... big prayers

TODAY we focus on vs 11... Give us today our daily bread.

- Jesus teaches us to bring our common, everyday practical needs to him.
If praying “may your kingdom come” inspires us to pray BIG PRAYERS.
- Praying for our daily bread teaches us nothing is too small to bring to God.

BUT... If God already knows what we need... why do we need to ask?

Matt 6:8 “... your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!”

There’s a moment where a blind man... Bartimaeus... asks Jesus for mercy...

Matt 10:51 “What do you want me to do for you?” Really!? Isn’t it obvious?

FOCUS: So what’s the point? Why is asking God for help especially with small things... an essential part of prayer? 1. Relationship 2. Empowerment.

RELATIONSHIP. Matthew 7:7-11 7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

It’s asking for our daily needs and wants that brings us into a deeper relationship with God.
Bartimaeus’ request for sight brought him face to face with/ Jesus.

“To pray” in greek is (προσεύχομαι) proseuchomai...

1. πρὸς (pros) – toward, to, facing.
2. εὐχομαι (euchomai) – to pray, wish, earnestly desire.

To turn toward God with our needs/ wants... to be face to face with God.

This kind of Daily Bread prayer Deepens our relationship with God 4 ways:

- Dependence... on God for everything... PPT newborn child w/ mom.

Meant to remind us of Exodus 16... Quail/ Manna... 19 No one is to keep any of it until morning.

- Awareness. Paul Pray continually (1Thess 5:17)... in every situation... (Phil 4:6).

Brings God into every nook and cranny



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Opens our eyes to God's activity in concrete ways. Exciting!

- Vulnerability. Bart. "Have mercy on me"- Jesus "What do you want... "
 - Increases our honesty with ourself and God.
 - Increases the likelihood we will feel rejected/ disappointed w/ God.
 - "Until we ask God for something, he can't disappoint or surprise us. We cannot build trust with God without asking." — Tyler Staton. (PLM-LLF)
- 4. Trust. God is the giver of "good gifts" (v11)..
 - Do we really believe God intends good toward us?
 - Do we really trust that God's best is better than our best?
 - Even in not getting what we ask for... we learn to trust God more deeply.

Richard Foster, PRAYER— "Do you know why the mighty God of the universe chooses to answer prayer? It is because his children ask. God delights in our asking. He is pleased at our asking. His heart is warmed by our asking."

EMPOWERMENT. James 4:2 You do not have because you do not ask God. James 5:16 The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

If relationship is God's goal w/ us... empowerment is how he gets us there
God wants us to learn how to co-operate, co-labor WITH HIM.
Asking God for our daily needs/ desires trains us in partnering with him.

A barrier in prayer for us is whether or not prayer really makes a difference.
Isn't God already going to do what he wants?

Evil one seeks to trap us in a philosophical conundrum... Sovereignty/Agency

Dallas Willard— "God's response to our prayers is not a charade. He does not pretend he is answering our prayers when he is only doing what he was going to do anyway. Our requests really do make a difference in what God does or does not do."

We can't control God but we can influence him! By HIS DESIGN!

Pete Greig— "There are wonderful things that will only happen if we ask for them, and unspeakably terrible things that will prevail unless we harness our wills with God's will to resist them in prayer."



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James says... The prayer of a RIGHTEOUS PERSON is powerful...
And it's not our goodness that make us righteous...
Its about Jesus... when we pray as followers of Jesus... his righteousness becomes our own.

Every prayer you pray in relationship with Jesus is co-signed with his righteousness.