

Give Us Our Daily Bread #2

Give us today our daily bread. Since the Lord's Prayer gives us only one petition to cover all of our normal wants and needs, doesn't this one seem small and unsatisfying? Most of us aren't worried about starving, at least not today. Why waste our one petition on such an unambitious request?

We want more. We want enough to feel secure. We want enough to relax a little in what we have. God wants the opposite. He works to keep us resting in Him alone.

Why? Because He enjoys flexing His power and His control? No. He loves us, and with a perfect wisdom. He knows that a constant, close relationship with Him is the key to our happiness and well-being. Daily dependence teaches and forms that relationship.

He is our Creator. He Himself is the only source of all that is. We are weak and limited creatures, totally dependent on Him. We spend our entire lives, from birth to death, cradled in His care. *In him we live and move and have our being* (Acts 17:28, NIV).

The essence of well-being, of having a right and true relationship with God, is realizing our utter dependence on Him and living in that dependence. Do you want complete peace and deep-down rest? Learn to trust your Creator's abundant wealth, not what you can grasp in your tiny hands.

Our loving Father longs for that close, constant relationship with you. Because of His love, He will work throughout your life to teach you daily trust. You will never graduate from His school of dependence. He will not let you hoard everything you need, and you cannot see the future. Any security you think you've grasped is only an illusion. He will always and forever be your only security and your only supply. Even in the wealth and abundance of heaven, He Himself will be the only source of every blessing.

*Father,
You are completely unlimited by
space and time.
You never lack
time or
materials or
expertise.
Help me to look beyond
my own limitations and
simply rest in all You are.*