

GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD

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Topics for prayer:

- 1) What do I understand under the expression “daily bread”? (**Proverbs 30:8-10** Give me neither poverty nor wealth; feed me with the food I need. ⁹ Otherwise, I might have too much and deny You, saying, "Who is the LORD?" or I might have nothing and steal, profaning the name of my God.)
- 2) What is my attitude to wealth/poverty? Is it in agreement with the Word of God? Do I really ask for an existence to glorify God?
- 3) The “daily bread” can be understood as “our total physical dependence on God”. Do I see all the so called “laws of nature” subjected to the power of God? Do I have to confess “nature idolatry”? Do I see weather/harvest in the hands of God – or do I really trust science alone?
- 4) My daily bread comes to me through a well and efficiently organized society. Do I idolize economic/political system and expect it to support my physical existence without reference to the living God? Do I see political rulers and my employer under the power of God?
- 5) Asking for the daily bread also means asking for health, employment, justice etc. Do I see my daily living conditions in the hands of God?

Consider:

0. Order of requests in the Lord’s prayer and concentration
 - “...do not keep on babbling...”(Matt 6:7) = concentrate your whole being on what you’re praying for
 - Frist: the Father’s glory
1. Dependency on God
 - Bread: my material provision in general, where will I live, who will I marry etc. = Am I depending on God, or do I rely on money
 - Some people judge those who are rich = the other extreme (**Proverbs 30:8-10**)
2. Society
 - It’s a prayer for the working of the gospel in society
 - Consider society’s attitude to the nature: people used to pray for rain and worship “gods”, today they don’t take a higher power into account = the worship of natural laws, idolatry
 - We pray: may your rule over the nature be evident in the world
3. Individualism
 - Why am I asking for my daily bread? Because of my individual worries? Do I want to have every day’s provision just to do what I want?
 - I am not my own, Jesus bought me when He died for me