

THE PRAYER OF DEPENDENCE The Lord's Prayer P.3

"Give us today our daily bread." Matt. 6:11 (NIV)

BREAD REPRESENTS

- It represents the necessities of life
Ps. 104:25-28 (LB), Pr. 14:23 (Mes)
- Bread represents God's word.
Deut. 8:3 (NLT)
- It represents God's family and fellowship
1 Cor. 10:16 (Amp)
- It represents God's salvation.
Luke 22:19 (TEV)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DEPEND ON GOD?

1. Depending on God means seeing God as my source.

There are four truths you need to remember.

- It's all a gift from God.
"GIVE us today our daily bread"
- There's nothing I need that God can't provide.
"God will supply all that you ever need from him glorious resources in Christ Jesus."
Phil. 4:19 (Ph)
- God wants to give it.
"If you were asked by your son for bread, would you give him a stone? How much more likely is it that your heavenly Father will give good things to those who ask him?"
Matt. 7:11 (NIV)
- He's waiting on me.
"... You do not have because you do not ask God!" James 4:2 (NIV)

2. Depend on God means trusting him for today.

"Give us TODAY our DAILY bread."

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, thanking him for all he has done... And fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable, and excellent and worthy of praise." Phil. 4: 6 & 8 (NLT)

In this passage he gives us the four steps to trusting God for today.

1st Worry about nothing.

"Don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time." Matt. 6:34 (LB)

2nd Pray about everything!

"Since God didn't spare even his own Son for us but gave him up for us all, won't he also surely give us everything else?" Rom. 8:32 (LB)

3rd Thank God in all things.

“I can’t count the times you have faithfully rescued me... I will tell everyone how good you are, and of your constant, daily care.” Ps. 71:15 (LB)

4th Think about the right things.

“He will keep in perfect peace all those who trust in him, whose thoughts turn often to the Lord!” Isaiah 26:3 (LB)

3. **Depending on God means I share whatever he supplies.**

“Give us today OUR daily bread.”

What God gives to me he wants to give *through* me.

“God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity. He will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times so that many will thank God for your gifts ... This service you perform will not only meets the needs of God's people, but also produce an outpouring of gratitude to God.” 2 Cor. 9:10-12 (TEV)

When I meet others needs God takes care of mine.

“Share your bread with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor. Give clothes to those who have nothing to wear, and do not refuse to help your own relatives. Then my favor will shine on you like the morning sun, and your wounds will be quickly healed. I will always be with you to save you; my presence will protect you on every side. And when you pray, I will answer you.” Isaiah 58:7-9 (TEV)

Whatever I give to God, he multiplies.

*“Cast your bread upon the waters, and after many days you will get it back.”
Eccl. 11:1 (RSV)*

“It is possible to give freely and become more wealthy, but those who are stingy will lose everything.” Pr. 11:24 (NLT)

THE MODEL FOR OUR CHURCH

*“DAILY they continued to meet together and worshiped together in the temple courts. They also fellowshiped together in their homes with communion and eating together, sharing whatever they had with joyful and generous hearts. They praised God together and [as a result] the whole city liked them so every day more and more people were being saved, and DAILY the Lord added to the number of believers in the church.”
Acts 2:46-47 (NIV/NLT/CEV)*