

Lord, Teach us to Pray 3 – THE NEEDS WE BRING

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

GIVE: We come with our REQUESTS, acknowledging that GOD is our SOURCE (James 1:17, Ps 24:1).

- * ANXIETY comes when we CONVINCED ourselves we are OUR OWN SOURCE (Isa 26:3).
- * The world lauds SELF-SUFFICIENCY, but the Lord's Prayer calls us to GOD-DEPENDENCY.
- Why is it important to remember that God, not you yourself, is the source of all you need?
- How might anxiety lessen when we truly live from that awareness? (See James 1:17; Isaiah 26:3)
- What helps you to cultivate daily dependence rather than self-sufficiency?

US: It doesn't say 'Give ME.'

- * Recognising God as Source reorients us from OWNER to STEWARD & from HOARDER to CHANNEL.
- If Jesus teaches us to pray, "Give us ..." rather than "Give me ...," how does that shift the focus of our prayers?
- In what ways might this prayer shape our compassion for others, especially the hungry or struggling?

THIS DAY / DAILY: FRESH, REPEATED, TIMELY, NECESSARY

- * God calls us to DAILY DEPENDENCE, not OCCASIONAL DESPERATION (Ex 16:4,20).
- Why do you think God taught Israel to gather manna daily instead of storing it?
- How does that principle challenge our tendency to seek security in what we can control?

BREAD: Both LITERAL & SYMBOLIC, PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL (John 6:35, Matt 4:4).

Jesus said, *"I am the Bread of Life."* (John 6:35)

- What does it mean for you to hunger for Christ Himself, not just His provision?

PRAYING FOR PROVISION – PRAYERS OF PETITION & FAITH

Key principles from Scripture, that work together powerfully:

- * With a GRATEFUL HEART (Phil 4:6)
- * In JESUS' NAME (John 14:13-14)
- * In FAITH (Mark 11:23-24)

- * Without DOUBTING (James 1:5-6)
- * According to His WILL (1 John 5:14)
- * PERSISTENTLY (Luke 18:1)

→ Read Phil 4:6, Mark 11:24 & 1 John 5:14. What do these verses teach us about the posture and attitude of prayers of petition?

→ Should you ask for something just once or repeatedly? (Mk 11:24 v Lk 18:1)

→ Which part do you find most challenging: praying in faith, with thanksgiving or according to His will?

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

Our determined YES to Lord & NO to the enemy is going to be what KEEPS US OUT of TEMPTATION'S lair.

How to Pray Against Temptation:

- Pray for STRENGTH to RESIST (Ps 18:1-2; 2 Thess 3:3).
- Pray the ARMOUR of God (Eph 6:10-18).
- Ask for WISDOM & DISCERNMENT (James 1:5; 1 Cor 10:13).
- Invite the Holy Spirit to LEAD you (Gal 5:16; Rom 8:6).
- Pray for ACCOUNTABILITY partners & ENCOURAGING friends (Ecc 4:9-12; James 5:16).

Praying Scripture:

- * FEEDS your spirit.
- * FORTIFIES your mind.
- * Builds WALLS of truth.
- * RESISTS the enemy.
- How do you understand the spiritual battle behind the Lord's Prayer?
- Which temptations (or tests) most often pull people away from dependence on God?
- What does it look like to 'gird your loins' in prayer — to be ready and fortified for those moments of testing?

DELIVER US FROM EVIL

DELIVER: To SAVE, RESCUE, draw out of DANGER (Ps 34:17,19).

FROM: AWAY from what THREATENS & into the safety of GOD'S HAND (Ps 40:1-2).

EVIL: Wicked, harmful, malignant, harmful; can also mean 'the evil one.'

Scriptural precedent, principle & promise: Ps 91:1-4; 121:7-8; 23:4, Isa 54:17
Pray these promises to create a SHIELD of FAITH (Eph 6:16).

→ How can we pray Scripture as a "shield of faith" (Ephesians 6:16) in our daily lives? What other passages would you add to this list?