

Give Us This Day...
(What can we expect from God?)
Matt 6.11

Give us this day our daily bread

"I used to think the Lord's Prayer was a short prayer; but, as I live longer, and see more of life, I believe there is no such thing as getting through it. If a man, in praying that prayer, were to be stopped by every word until he had thoroughly prayed it, it would take him a lifetime."
(Henry Ward Beecher)

We trust God for everything we need

The degree to which our lives are submitted to God is not measured by how big the issues are that we bring to him in prayer, but by how small.

For many of us it takes more faith to pray "*give us this day our daily bread*" than it does to pray the big stuff.

(Exodus 16.11-21)

When God provided the manna, he specified that it was for their daily needs; just enough for today.

The question we need to ask is, "What does someone need to live with dignity?"

We trust God, even for the ability to work

Deuteronomy 8.18 *But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.*

“Give us this day our daily bread” reminds us that, even if God’s usual way of answering that prayer is by giving us the ability to work and make money so we can buy what we need, even that ability comes from God himself.

We can be as religious as we like, but if it doesn’t result in gratitude to God for what we have and trust in him for what we need, it’s worthless.

We trust God together

This is a community prayer. “Give us this day our daily bread.”