

The Lord's Prayer week 4
Sunday January 24th, 2021

Matthew 6:5-13 (NLT, pg. 803)

Effective prayer is more about your perspective and posture than about your _____.

KJV version: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

“Give us today the food we need”

Asking is an important part of prayer, but not the _____ part.

Asking acknowledges that God is our _____.

Matthew 6:25-34 (NLT, pg. 804)

When we ask for physical needs, it is still about the condition of our _____.

Jesus isn't just asking for physical food, but also _____ food.

Matthew 4:4 (NLT, pg. 801) But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

John 4:34-35 (NLT, pg. 884) Then Jesus explained: “My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work. You know the saying, ‘Four months between planting and harvest.’ But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.

John 6:35-37 (NLT, pg. 887) Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But you haven't believed in me even though you have seen me. However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them.”

This ask isn't just about filling up your stomach, but more importantly about filling up your _____.

Matthew 6:24 (NLT, pg. 804) “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.”

Final Thought: _____
(NLT, pg. 985) Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

The Lord's prayer week 4 Discussion Questions

As you look at the Lord's prayer and realize we are halfway through the prayer before asking for anything, is this surprising to you? Why

or why not? How much of your prayer life, before this series, was asking for stuff? (safety, healing, comfort, guidance, a prayer request list, etc.) What other aspects of prayer should be included other than asking/petition? (if you aren't sure look at the psalms, lots of prayers, very little asking) Has your prayer life changed at all because of this study? If so, how? If not, why?

An aspect of this part of the prayer is our physical needs. Has there been a time in your life when you prayed for a need and God has provided it? Explain. Has there been a time when God didn't provide it? Read James 4:1-10. How does this passage speak to your previous experiences with prayer and asking (specifically verses 2-3)? "This ask isn't just about filling up your stomach, but more importantly about filling up your soul." How does the above passage reflect this statement?

In your experience, how does prayer fill up your soul? Read James 5:13-18. What do you learn about prayer from this very practical passage? How does this passage relate to Jesus' words in John 6:22-59. This passage is known as the Bread of Life Discourse. Jesus touches on all kinds of deep Biblical truths here (manna, communion, His divinity). What jumps out to you the most from this famous passage? (for deeper study and interest look at Deuteronomy 8:1-20)

Read Matthew 6:24. This verse is right in the middle of this chapter where Jesus seems to bounce around to different topics; prayer, forgiveness, fasting, money, possessions, physical needs, worry. How does this verse tie all of these things together? Explain. "You will never feel more satisfied in life than when you are doing what God made you to do, and what God needs you to do." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? How satisfied are you in life? How are you doing on the one month challenge? What progress have you made?