



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**GIVE US THIS DAY OUR
DAILY BREAD.**

Through Easter, we will be focusing on The Lord's Prayer. No other words of the Bible are spoken more often than the 65 words we call the Lord's Prayer. Countless times every day, in the worship of the church and in the personal devotion of many Christians. The prayer is sung, recited in unison, mumbled mindlessly at times and at others, choked out through sobs of pain or remorse. For two thousand years Christians on every continent, and in every language, have lifted this prayer to God.

Connect & Grow :

Consider these prompts with your community group or family this week.

- Discuss the message today. What stood out to you? Did you learn anything new?
- The first three requests in the Lord's Prayer focus on the Father – his name, his reign, his will. Most of our prayers start in the middle of this prayer – with our own needs. Jesus doesn't ignore our needs. He just puts them in the right priority.
- Recall and tell a story of God's provision in your life or in a friend's life.
- Has studying the Lord's Prayer helped you to better understand the prayer? Why or why not?
- Jesus instructs us to ask the Father for each day's provision. Why such an emphasis on the immediate – why not ask for a month of groceries?
- Do you think food is the only provision covered in this request? What other necessities might we ask the Father to give us on a daily basis?
- Consider this statement: "Jesus taught us to ask for our daily 'bread' and not our daily 'cake.'" Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain.
- What kinds of issues prompt you to worry most?
- How often do you worry about having daily bread? For some it is often, for others it's hardly ever. Consider the differences between these two extremes. Does it impact how you feel or think? Why or why not?
- Read Luke 12:22-34. What does Jesus mean by verse 22? How does worry affect your sense of worth before God?
- Luke 12:31 instructs us to "seek his kingdom." Thinking back to the message last week, what are some practical ways that you can invest in God's kingdom?

Go : Consider these prompts during your chair time this week.

- Similar to the prompts last week, take the clauses of The Lord's Prayer, one by one and make each your prayer for the day. For example: Sunday = Our Father; Monday = Hallowed be thy name; Tuesday = Thy Kingdom come; Wednesday = Give us this day; Thursday = Forgive us our sins; Friday = Deliver us from Evil; and, Saturday = The Kingdom, the power, and the glory. Use the clause as your retreat for the day that you can step into at any moment. It becomes your lens for the day.