

Give Us Today

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13

Series: Praying with Jesus

‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come your will be done as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread...’

We are _____ .

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- _____
- “bread for _____”

Throughout Scripture God is acknowledged as the One who _____ all _____.

- Psalm 103:13-14

We are praying for is what is _____ and _____ for each day.

Our job: _____

Remember that Jesus is the full _____ of God’s _____ on earth.

Jesus, God-incarnate, _____ to feed _____ the people and he does so through his disciples’ _____.

We ask God to _____ us to be the _____ in which God can answer these prayers on other’s _____.

Psalm 145

Start talking.

- Share a story about a time when you shared a meal with a stranger, or someone who is very different than you.

Start thinking.

- Have you ever heard before that some ancient versions of the Lord's Prayer state: "give us today our bread for tomorrow"? What are new thoughts that this phrasing brings to mind?
- What can this "bread for tomorrow" teach us about God's kingdom that is both now and also not yet?

Start sharing.

- Why do you think that providing food and fighting hunger seems to be a high priority for Jesus in the Gospels?
- We are reminded of the fragility of life. Compare and contrast this idea with the prevalent narratives about life and death told by general society.
- When we pray "give us this day our daily bread" who is included in "us"?
- How might our lives look different if we broadened our definition of "us" in this portion of the prayer?
- As we pray for our own daily bread, how can we be part of answering the prayers of others for their daily bread? How can we fight hunger in our neighborhoods?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, I worship you today, and give you my life and devotion. I humbly request enough for today, and if there is extra blessing, may I use it wisely to help others as I can. Sustain me, sustain us as a church, that we may honor you in all that we do.

Start Doing:

- Engage in one of these areas this week:
 - Visit someone who is sick.
 - Call or write a note to someone who may be isolated.
 - Share a meal with someone you normally wouldn't get together with.
 - Forgive someone. Forgive yourself.