

**Praying to our Father 5:
Our Daily Bread**
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MATTHEW 6.8-11 (NIV)

⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.
⁹“This, then, is how you should pray:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹Give us today our daily bread.

INTRODUCTION

Note the daily rhythm of making and eating bread without which most families in first century Israel would have starved:
"No one shall take a mill or an upper millstone in pledge, for that would be taking a life in pledge." Deut 24.6)
• Fresh bread smells, tastes, and is good.

WE MUST TRUST GOD:

1. From a childlike humility (Matt 6.8)
2. As our heavenly Father (Matt 6.9; 7.9)
3. As our ultimate treasure (Matt 6.9; Jas 4.3)
4. For His continued provision (Matt 6.11; Proverbs 30.8; Exo 16.4)
5. For His deeper provision (Matt 4.3-4)
6. For His ultimate provision (Matt 26.17, 26)

JAMES 4.2-3

“You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.”

PROVERBS 30.8

...give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me.

EXODUS 16.4

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.

MATTHEW 4.3-4

³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

⁴But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

MATTHEW 26.17, 26

¹⁷Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

CONCLUSION

We can't trust God to provide for us in such a way that we never have to trust Him again.
