

Jesus' Model Prayer – Part 6

Fourth Petition: Praying for Our Physical Good

Matthew 6:11

Background: Proverbs 30:8-9

First, we must understand what is meant by the reference to “bread.”

1 Timothy 6:7-8

Kent Hughes has aptly observed that:

God wants us to bring our everyday needs to him, even if they seem trivial. He does not demand that we approach him only when we have raised ourselves to some kind of spiritual elevation above the everyday things of life. The greatness of our God lies in his descending to meet us where we are. (*The Sermon on the Mount*, p. 183)

Second, we must ask God to “give” us our daily bread.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

Third, we must understand our Lord Jesus' use of the plural when He teaches us to pray, “Give us ... our daily bread.”

Matthew 25:31-40

Fourth, we must ask God to give us “this day our daily bread.”

The word translated *daily* in the New King James Version is the Greek adjective *epiôúsios*. It is a difficult word, with only three undisputed occurrences in known ancient Greek literature, one here in Matthew 6:11, one in Luke 11:3, recording another teaching of the Lord's Prayer by Jesus, and one in a late first century Christian writing called *The Didache* (8:2), which is actually quoting the Lord's Prayer.

Luke 11:3

Matthew 6:34