

Prayer

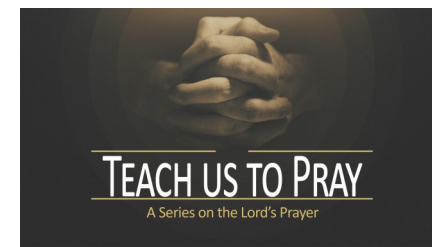
Your Life Group, and all of the others meeting this week, are the prayer meetings of our church. How cool is that!
Please spend time praying for each other and our church.

Pray for opportunities to share the hope of Christ with others.

Each other:

Church

- *Fallfest is coming. Pray for help, and for people to come.*
- *Pastors, Staff and Leadership*
- *Stampede and Round Up*
- *God to provide the financial resources we need.*
- *Youth and College Ministries*
- *Life Groups meeting around the area this week*



Give Us Today Our Daily Bread
Bob Kennedy October 16, 2016

Getting Started

If you had to pick one thing to eat everyday for the rest of your life, what one thing would you pick?

This can be a hard petition for us to pray, because it doesn't "feel" like we need God to provide daily bread. We can just buy some at the store. But that feeling is an illusion, we really need God. What does **Proverbs 30:7-9** say about the cause of this illusion?

Going Deeper—Read Matthew 6:11

The prayer now shifts pronouns, but the prayer doesn't shift its focus. The prayer is still focused on asking "Our Father" to do what only he can do. He is still the one doing the action of the verb. We are still the beneficiaries of "Our Father" taking action. So why is there this shift in the pronouns of the prayer from "your" to "us?" How would you explain this?

This is also a hard petition to pray, because it is all about trusting in our Father. We don't need to get the things for tomorrow today. Even if we did, that doesn't guarantee that they will be around tomorrow when we really need them. God is with us today, and he will be with us tomorrow. So we only need to pray for what we need today. Why is that so hard? Why is that so right?

Read Exodus 16:11-21. How does this passage help us understand what we are asking "Our Father" to do in the Lord's Prayer?

How does praying "us" keep this prayer from becoming too focused on just me?

Some practical ideas for this week:

Spend some time this week praying "Give us today our daily bread." Don't pray for you to do it, but pray that "our Father" will do it. What do you need to trust our Father with?