**Lord Teach us to Pray – Matt. 6:11**

**Focal Truth: When you pray – pray for God to provide for your needs**

Do you ask God for anything when you pray?

What kinds of needs do you ask from God?

When you pray do you believe God will give you what you need?

**Observations**

1. **Pray – May you give us today what you know we need**

*Give us this day our daily bread*

1. Praying is daily asking God to provide for essential needs

Matt. 6:11 – **give us this day our daily bread**

**Give us this day –** this is the daily prayer for help, for provision, for needs to be met

**Daily bread –** bread represents all of our essential, necessary needs & provisions

Ps 55:17 – *evening, morning and at noon I will pray, He will hear my voice*

Ps. 68:19 – *bless the Lord who daily bears our burdens*

1. Praying is asking God the Father who knows what we need everyday

Matt. 6:8 - *Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him*

Ps. 40:9 – *O Lord, You know*

Matt. 7:7 - *Ask and it shall be given to you…if you being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!*

1. Praying is coming to God the Father - the God of giving!

John 3:16 – *for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son*

James 1:17 – *every good gift is from above and comes down from the Father of Lights*

**Consider**

* Prayer is asking God the Father who is always ready to give to those who ask
* Prayer is asking God the Father who knows what to give to those who ask
* Prayer is trusting God the Father who gives what is best to those who ask
1. **Pray – May you give us today the life essentials we need**

*Giver us this day our daily bread* = Life essentials

1. Prayer is asking for daily spiritual needs – What do you need spiritually?

God’s children ask **for forgiveness** – *forgive us our debts*

God’s children ask **for wisdom** – *if you lack wisdom ask God who gives generously*

God’s children as **for protection from temptation & evil** – *lead us not to temptation, deliver us from evil*

God’s children ask **for grace** - *He gives grace to the humble*

God’s children ask **for strength** Isa. 40:29 – *He gives strength to the weary*

God’s children ask **for endurance** Rom. 15:5 – *He gives perseverance* God’s children ask **for *encouragement***– *He gives the encourager to be with you*

God’s children ask **for victory of the world, flesh & devil** 1 Cor. 15:57 – *He gives us the victory in our Lord Jesus Christ*

1. Prayer is asking for daily physical needs – What do you need physically?

God’s children pray for life essentials – **food, clothing, shelter**

God’s children pray for work to provide for their family & for health

Phil. 4:19 – *He supplies all of our needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus*

Ps. 23:1 - *the Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. – Lit. I do not want or need*

**The child of God prays – *surely goodness & mercy will follow me all the days of my life***

**Consider**

* Praying is asking for daily spiritual & physical essentials individually
* Praying is asking for daily spiritual & physical essentials for all people
* God the Father daily provides the essential needs of His children
1. **Pray – May you give us today contentment in our needs**

*Give us this day our daily bread*

1. Praying to God the Father for our needs produces contentment as He meets our needs

God’s children pray: **Here are my needs - I am content in however you meet my needs**

The Lord Jesus prayed: *not my will but yours be done*

Pro. 30:8 - *give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with the food that is my portion*

1. Praying to God the Father for our needs gives confidence that He will provide what is needed in our needs

1Tim. 6:7 – 8 – *for we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content*

1. *Praying to God the Father for our needs gives assurance that He will provide only what is best in our needs*

Matt. 6:31 – 32 – *do not worry then, saying, what will we eat? Or What will we drink? Or What will we wear for clothing? For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things, for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things*

Phil 4:6 – 7 – *in everything by prayer & supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

1. *Praying to God the Father for our needs causes us to seek first God’s kingdom & righteousness regardless of our needs*

Matt. 6:33 – *but seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you*

Ps. 37:25 – *I have been young and now I am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his descendants begging bread*

**Consider**

* Contentment comes in prayer because God the Father hears His children’s needs

1 John 5:14 – 15 - *this is the confidence which we have before Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. If we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him*

* Confidence in prayer is telling God the Father our needs
* Nothing is more comforting than knowing God the Father knows & meets our needs

**Things to Remember and Do**

1. Pray with confidence that God will meet your needs in Christ Jesus – Phil 4:19
2. God the Father meets our needs that we might glorify Him in all of our ways
3. Whatever needs God the Father meets are best for me!
4. When you pray about everything you won’t worry about anything!

**Give us this day our daily bread**

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**