

A person is shown from the chest up, wearing a purple garment and a colorful, patterned shawl. They are blowing into a long, curved horn that extends towards the top right of the frame. The background is a dramatic sunset with a bright sun on the left, casting a long, horizontal glow across the sky. The sky transitions from orange near the sun to a darker, hazy blue in the distance. The overall mood is one of solemnity and hope.

**OUR DAILY BREAD
& THE DEPENDENCE OF
SURRENDERED PEOPLE**

The Lord's Prayer (5)

9. Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
10. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
11. Give us this day our daily bread.

Matthew 6:9 -11

- ▶ "Give us this day our daily bread" is the prayer that teaches us how to live - one day at a time, dependent on Him.
- ▶ A surrendered life is not a self-sufficient life, it's a dependent one.
- ▶ Jesus shows us the dependence on the Father is the very position He modelled & invites us to join.

The surrendered life is not self-sufficient; it is sustained by daily dependence on the Father.

The Deliberate Shift

In the Lord's prayer we go from being centred on the greatness of God to the needs of His people.

- ▶ The Father whose name is Holy,
is the God who cares.
- ▶ The King whose Kingdom is coming,
is the King who provides.
- ▶ The God whose will we surrender to,
is the God we depend on for today.

What Is Daily Bread?

Literally food, provision, strength, work, shelter, help, wisdom - the ordinary necessities of life.

So we're not praying for excess, luxury or every possible comfort, we're praying for life's necessities. This shapes how we understand our relationship with the Father.

8. . . . give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with the food that is needful for me,
9. lest I be full and deny You and say, "Who is
the LORD?" or lest I be poor and steal and
profane the name of my God.

Proverbs 30:8b-9

If the Father already knows what we need **before** we ask, it raises the question: **why does Jesus tell us to ask?** Because the point is not just **provision**, it's **relationship**.

God does not simply want to supply our needs - He invites us to depend on Him, to come to Him, to ask of Him, to live in daily conscious connection with Him. Jesus is teaching us to come as children - children who trust that their Father knows what they need, and who find that the asking itself draws them closer to Him.

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you.”

Matthew 6:33

In other words, the prayer is not: Father, give me bread so I can build my own kingdom. It's: Father, as I seek Your kingdom and surrender to Your will, please provide what I need to walk in obedience today.

The Manna Principle: Learning Dependence in the Wilderness

- 16.** . . . the Lord has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat . . .'
- 18.** When they measured it. . . whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

Exodus 16:16 & 18

God was teaching them dependence.

He humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Deuteronomy 8:3

- ▶ Our surrender yesterday doesn't automatically mean our obedience today.
- ▶ Yesterday's manna does not sustain our walk today.
- ▶ Yesterday's trust must be renewed for our need today.

Why Daily? The Gift of Daily Returning

- ▶ God **gives** daily bread because He wants **daily** dependence.
- ▶ **Daily** dependence keeps us in **daily** relationship. If He gave us everything in advance, if He advanced us every blessing, every resource, every answer we would ever need, we could quickly drift into **independence**.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end; they are
new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22–23

The Danger of Self-Sufficiency

One of the greatest dangers in the Christian life is not suffering, **it's comfort.**

Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth.

Deuteronomy 8:17–18

The Bread That Points Beyond Itself

This request is multi-layered, and it goes beyond physical provision, because Jesus does not only give bread, He declares Himself to be bread.

Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you.

John 6:26–27

I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.

John 6:35

Apart From Me: The Vine and the Branches

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

- ▶ A branch does not produce fruit by trying harder. It produces fruit by staying connected to the vine. The life, the nutrients, the fruitfulness, all of it flows from the vine. The branch's only job is to remain.
- ▶ This is what the daily bread prayer is about. It's the daily acknowledgment that I am not the vine. I cannot generate my own spiritual life. I cannot sustain my own obedience. I cannot produce my own fruitfulness. Only He can. And so I come today and I ask.
- ▶ This is precisely the way Jesus lived.

Philippians 4:19 promises that God will supply every need of ours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

The question is not whether He is **able**.

The question is whether we're actually **coming** to Him with our needs, daily, honestly, as children, rather than as people trying to manage on their own.

- ▶ Prayer begins with relationship: Our Father.
- ▶ Prayer is ordered by reverence: hallowed be Your name.
- ▶ Prayer is aligned with mission: Your kingdom come.
- ▶ Prayer becomes surrender: Your will be done.
- ▶ Prayer now becomes the daily dependence of children who know they cannot live the surrendered life, without the Father's sustaining grace.

Daily Bread and Daily Gratitude

There's one more dimension of this prayer we should see.

“Give us this day our daily bread” is not only a prayer of dependence, it's implicitly, a prayer of gratitude.

Dependence and Gratitude are inseparable.

- ① Every time Jesus broke bread in the gospels, before feeding the five thousand, at the Last Supper, at Emmaus, He blessed it.
- ① He received what the Father provided **with gratitude**.
- ① He modelled what it looks like to hold daily provision as a **gift** rather than a **given**.

From George Muller's example of trusting God for daily bread we see that:

A life of dependence is meant to become a life of remembrance. We ask, God provides, and then we give thanks. Over time, gratitude becomes one of the ways our hearts are trained to see the Father's hand in ordinary things.

The Prayer That Sustains Surrender

- ▶ Surrender needs sustaining, and that is exactly what this prayer provides.
- ▶ We cannot live the will of God in our own strength.
- ▶ We cannot sustain surrender on yesterday's grace. We need the Father today.

Father, if Your will is to be done in my life today, then You must sustain me. You must provide what I need. You must strengthen me for what You are calling me to. You must carry me through what I cannot manage on my own.

- ▶ “Your will be done” - the prayer of surrender.
- ▶ “Give us this day our daily bread” - the prayer that sustains the surrender. One without the other doesn't work.
- ▶ Surrender without dependence becomes grinding willpower.
- ▶ Dependence without surrender becomes passive disobedience. But together, they describe the life Jesus Himself lived, fully yielded to the Father's will, and fully sustained by the Father's provision.

Living One Day at a Time

God is not asking us to trust Him for a lifetime all at once. He's asking us to trust Him today. And then tomorrow, to come again. And the day after that, to come again. And in that daily returning of coming back to the Father empty-handed and expectant, something begins to change in us. We find that dependence deepens into trust, and trust deepens into closeness. And closeness with the Father turns out to be the very thing our hearts have been crying out for.

- ▶ Will I come to Him **today**? Will I actually live the dependence I profess to believe?
- ▶ A life of surrender is sustained by a life of dependence, lived one day at a time.
- ▶ Jesus teaches surrendered people to pray like children: “Father. . . give us this day. . . our daily bread.”
- ▶ He shows us the surrendered life is not self-sufficient; it is sustained by daily dependence on the Father.