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for  
*The Lord's Prayer*

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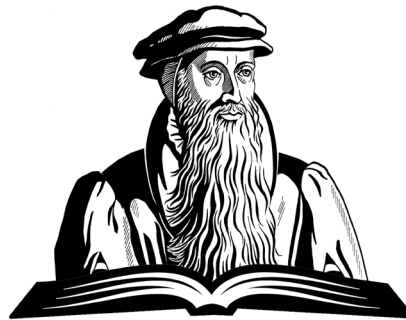
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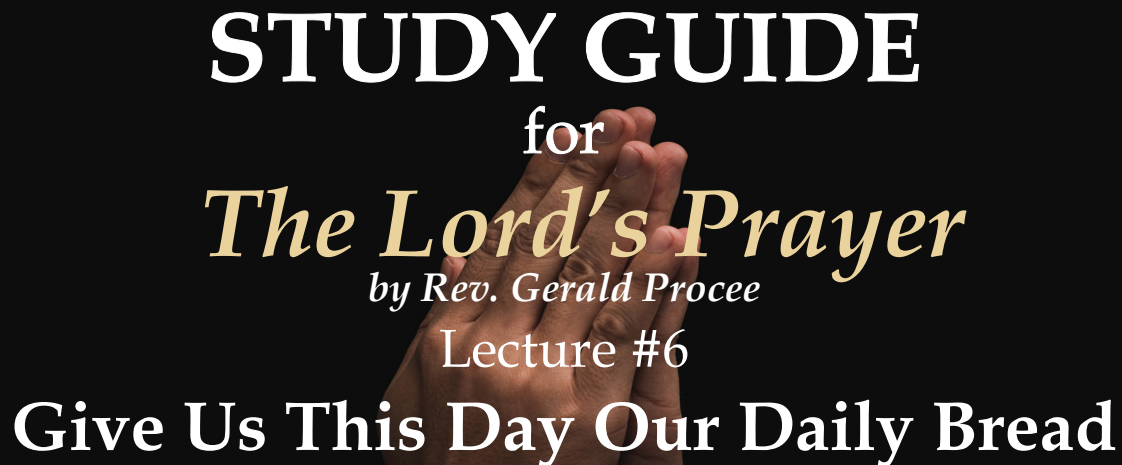
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# *The Lord's Prayer*

14 Lectures

*by Rev. Gerald Procee*

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### Lecture #6

## Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

### Scripture Text

“Give us this day our daily bread.”—Matthew 6:11

### Key Points

1. Introduction: Jesus teaches us to pray to God for our daily needs.
  - a. God is the one who provides our daily food.
  - b. “This day” shows that we should pray daily.
  - c. This is a petition of faith and trust in the Lord.
  - d. Our priority should be upon God and his kingdom.
  - e. Examples of trusting in God: George Muller and also accounts from Scripture.
2. It is a miracle that we can pray to God for our daily needs.
  - a. We have sinned against God; we deserve to be cast away.
  - b. The Lord Jesus Christ has earned God’s mercy for us, by his suffering, by his death on the cross, and by his obedience to God’s laws. This should lead us to repent of our sin.
  - c. In all circumstance of life, whether poor or rich, we are fully dependent upon God.
  - d. We need God’s blessing upon all that we do, even our eating and drinking.
3. When we pray this petition, we also confess that God is the one who causes the grain to grow; he brings forth the fruit; he gives the rain and sunshine; and brings our food to harvest.
4. “Give *us* our daily bread,” tells us to remember others who have need of sustenance.
  - a. If we see that others have need, we must help them liberally from our abundance.
  - b. We should be content with what God gives us, and not be covetous or selfish.
  - c. We should use the “means” that God gives us for physical and spiritual needs.
5. Conclusion: the day will come when our bodies and souls will be sustained without daily bread, for in the kingdom of heaven, there will be no eating or drinking, but all will be sustained by the immediate presence of God.

*Review Questions*

1. How can we see in this petition, and the others that follow, that the Lord is not only focused on spiritual needs, but cares about our physical needs in this world?

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2. How do we honor God by praying this petition? What does this petition imply about God and the needs we have in this life?

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3. What is the significance of asking for “daily bread”? What does it teach us about life today, and the needs we may have in the future?

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4. Rev. Procee says, “This is a petition of faith and trust in the Lord.” How does that help us not to worry and fear?

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5. Jesus teaches us to pray to God for our daily needs, but our priority should be on God and his kingdom. How do we see this in the account of George Muller?

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6. What Old and New Testament passages tell us to come to the Lord with all our requests and needs?

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7. Rev. Procee says that it is a great miracle that we can pray to God to give us all we need. Why is this a miracle? Who performed this miracle, and how did he do it?

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8. How does this petition relate to Psalm 127, verse 1, “Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”?

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9. What is the significance of the word “us” in this petition, “Give us this day our daily bread”? How does this oppose idolatry of self?

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10. We should use the “means” that God provides to us. What are the specific means that God gives us for our physical life, and for our spiritual life?

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**Personal Reflections**

1. How does this petition address contentment? What does it say about complaining and murmuring? When we remember the loving care the Lord Jesus had for all the multitude of people who came to him, how should this affect our praying of this petition?

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2. In this lecture, we learned that God is caring, loving, and compassionate, even providing salvation for sinners in his Son, Jesus Christ. Have you seen this and experienced it in this petition? What do you think is the ultimate goal of this petition?

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