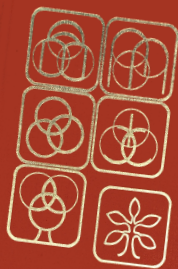


HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a



Explanation of
Luther's Small Catechism

Talking about The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Give us today our daily bread. What is meant by this?

God truly does give daily bread to all, even to the wicked, without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that He would make us aware that these gifts come from Him as a gift and enable us to receive these gifts with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

By daily bread we mean everything that is required to satisfy our bodily needs, such as food and clothing, house and home, fields and flocks, money and property, pious parents and children, trustworthy servants, godly and faithful rulers, good government, seasonable weather, peace and health, order and honor, true friends, good neighbors, and the like.

307 Must you work for your daily bread when you pray for it everyday?

Yes, God wants me to be hardworking, so that I do not take advantage of other people's generosity, but seek to earn a living through willing and honest work.

Genesis 3:19 "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

2 Thessalonians 3:10b "...we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat."

308 What is your duty to those who have no daily bread?

My duty to those who have no daily bread is to feed them.

James 2:15-17 "If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

Isaiah 58:10 "...if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday."

Ezekiel 18:5, 7b "If a man is righteous and does what is just and right...He...gives his bread to the hungry and covers the naked with a garment..."

Ephesians 4:28 "Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need."



Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

