

Lord's Prayer Devotion

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; **give us this day our daily bread**; and forgive us our sins as forgive those who sin against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Our catechism tells us that this petition includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body.

The word "give" means that it is a gift and not something we deserved or earned and teaches us that God is the sole source.

We are to say "this day" and "daily" because we should be satisfied with what we need each day because it is foolish to worry about the future.

We say "our" because we should ask for that bread only which is honestly ours, and because we should also pray for our neighbor and share with him when he is in need.

"Bread" represents the necessities/needs, but the luxuries, of life. Sometimes our wants fall into the area of luxuries and we need to adjust them. A good example of how faithful God is in providing for us is to remember that the Children of Israel had manna for each day, AND their sandals never wore out during their forty years in the wilderness.

A good summary for this petition is the *What does this mean?*--Answer. God gives daily bread, even without our prayer, to all wicked men; but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to know it, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Prayer: Dear heavenly Father, Thank you for always, always supplying all of my needs in life! Help me to always be thankful for all that you do for me. Help also to share those in need. Amen