



## Today's Message

Date: January 10, 2021  
Speaker: Pastor Steven Thomas  
Title: ***What We Need Today***

Text: Luke 11:1–4 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> **Give us each day our daily bread,** <sup>4</sup> and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

Introduction: “Teach us to pray,” was the request made by an unidentified disciple. Jesus’ response bequeathed to the church in every generation, requests to be offered and a pattern to be followed. The model prayer contains five petitions in proper priority, two that give priority to God’s interests and three that express our needs. Today we consider the implications of the third petition, “Give us each day our daily bread” (4).

**Today’s take-home truth: Followers of Jesus can and must depend on our gracious Father for every need.**

- I. **Pray, remembering that God is the gracious giver of “every good and perfect gift.”**
- II. **Pray, remembering that we are part of God’s community of faith, the church**

**III. Pray, requesting God's provision for *temporal, physical* needs.**

Excursus:

[A question for reflection: Did Jesus intend to use *physical* bread as an object lesson about *spiritual* bread?

Historical considerations  
Language considerations  
Interpretive considerations  
Contextual considerations]

**IV. Pray, requesting God's provision for *eternal, spiritual* needs.**