

# “Pray In Such A Way”



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CHANGING HEARTS TO CHANGE A NATION

**Pray in this way ...**  
**“Give us this day our daily bread”**

**Matthew 6:11**

***“Develop the Mind of the Spirit”***

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# Five Aspects

1. **Give** – *it is a GIFT*
2. **Us/Our** – *it is CORPORATE*
3. **This Day** – *it is for NOW*
4. **Daily** – *it is EVERY day*
5. **Bread** – *it is NOT about eating*

# The Context

## It is our father we are talking about

*7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.9 "Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? 10 "Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? 11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!*

**Matthew 7: 7 - 11**

# **GIVE**

**It is a GIFT – We do not EARN it!**

**So ...**

**What sort of gifts does our Father Give?**

# The Gifts

1. **Living Water – John 4: 10**
2. **Holy Spirit – Acts 2: 38**
3. **Eternal Life – Romans 6: 23**
4. **Salvation – Ephesians 2: 8 – 9**
5. **Every good thing – James 1: 17**
6. **Every perfect gift – James 1: 17**
7. **Our daily bread – Matthew 6: 10**

# **Us/Our**

**This is corporate, not individual**

**God's priority is His BRIDE**

**We grow as part of it**

**We don't grow when detached from it**

**Parts are not fed independantly**

# Philippians 2: 1 - 5

*Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, **intent on one purpose**. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind **regard one another as more important than yourselves** ; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,*

# **This Day**

- 1. Don't worry about yesterday**
- 2. Don't be anxious for tomorrow**
- 3. Trust God – He IS good**
- 4. Don't try and control everything**
- 5. Seek His kingdom & righteousness**

# Matthew 6: 31 - 34

*"Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

# Philippians 4: 6 - 9

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.*

# Hebrews 13: 7 - 9

*Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and **considering** the result of their conduct, **imitate** their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. **Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited.***

# Daily

*Moses said to them, "Let no man leave any of it until morning." But they did not listen to Moses, and some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul; and Moses was angry with them. They gathered it morning by morning, every man as much as he should eat; but when the sun grew hot, it would melt.*

**Exodus 16: 19 - 21**

# **Our Christian life is a daily walk**

- 1. Sacrifices in the Temple**
- 2. Take up our cross (Luke 9: 23)**
- 3. Added to (Acts 2: 47, 16: 5)**
- 4. Teaching and preaching (Acts 5: 42)**
- 5. Examined the Scriptures (Acts 17: 11)**
- 6. Paul taught daily (Acts 19: 9)**
- 7. He died daily (1 Corinthians 15: 31)**

# **What do we need to do on a daily?**

- 1. Read our word – SOAP is a start**
- 2. Pray**
- 3. Spend time with God**
- 4. Dwell in Him**
- 5. Have Him dwell in us**
- 6. Share Christ – use words if necessary**
- 7. Die to self**

# What is our Daily Bread?

1. The proceeding word from heaven
2. Everything that will nourish our life and maintain our spiritual stature
3. Our assignment and the instruction that God gives to us
4. Natural food, our provisions and sustenance
5. The word that allows us entrance into higher purposes and bigger things
6. Different food for different levels of maturity – water/milk/meat/hidden manna
7. Accurate government – food at the proper time