



# WHEN WE PRAY

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## Getting Started:

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- How is this focused time of teaching on prayer helping you grow in personal/community prayer?
- What “P” is the most natural movement of prayer for you? Unnatural?

### 6 P’s

Presence – “Father” Praise – “Hallowed be your name”

Purpose – “Your kingdom come”

Provision – “Give us each day our daily bread”

Pardon – “and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

Protection – “And lead us not into temptation”

- How does studying this prayer as an “outline” help us to pray more effectively?

## Digging Deeper:

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- How does the order of this prayer matter?
- How do the first 3 P’s prepare us to pray for “our daily bread”?
- What is “our daily bread”?
- What are we praying and asking for?

### On Sunday, Pastor Kyle introduced 4 aspects of praying for daily bread:

#### 1. A commitment to dependence.

##### Read: Luke 11:5-13

5 And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, 6 for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; 7 and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. 9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

- How does this section of the prayer invite us into more dependence?
- In what ways does Luke 11:5-13 give us a confidence about asking God for what we need?
- Why would God want us to seek him daily for our needs – why not just set up a reoccurring plan?
- How are you dependent on God for your “daily bread”?

## **2. A commitment to contentment.**

### **Read: Proverbs 30:7-9**

“Two things I ask of you, Lord; do not refuse me before I die: 8 Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches but give me only my daily bread. 9 Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

- What is contentment?
- How is contentment related to “our daily bread”?
- What is one area of your life where you struggle with contentment?

## **3. A commitment to generosity.**

### **Read: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

9 As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

- What does generosity have to do with “our daily bread”?
- How have you seen God entrust Revive Church with a store of seed?
- What has God given you personally [your daily bread] that you can invest in His Kingdom?

## **4. A commitment to the Provider.**

### **John 6:25-35**

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” 26 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. 27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” 28 Then

they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” 29 Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” 30 So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ 32 Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” 35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

- What is the irony of what the people are asking Jesus to do?
- Why does Jesus call himself “the bread of life”?
- How do you experience Jesus as your “daily bread”?

Spend some time praying and thanking Jesus for being your daily bread. Meditate on the words below from the hymn, I Need Thee Every Hour.

### **I Need Thee Every Hour**

I need Thee every hour  
Most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like Thine  
Can peace afford  
I need Thee, O I need Thee  
Every hour I need Thee  
O bless me now, my Savior  
I come to Thee

### **I need Thee every hour**

#### **Stay Thou nearby**

#### **Temptations lose their power**

#### **When Thou art nigh**

I need Thee, O I need Thee  
Every hour I need Thee  
O bless me now, my Savior  
I come to Thee  
I need Thee every hour  
In joy or pain  
Come quickly and abide  
Or life is vain

