

# Meeting with God - "Give Us This Day"

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## Matthew 6:9-13 NASB

### 9 "Pray, then, in this way..."

*Follow this pattern whenever you go to God in prayer. One of the ways the Holy Spirit helps us to pray is through the model Jesus gave us and through Scriptures such as the Psalms.*

*Romans 8:26 NASB*

*26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;*

### 9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven..."

*Pray with the confidence that God loves you as your Father. You can go to Him about anything, pouring your heart out to Him, withholding nothing from Him, and He will always welcome you, always love you, always care for you.*

### 9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.'

*Worship puts God, in our heart and focus, in His rightful place and worship places us, along with our desires, cares and problems, in our rightful place.*

### 10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'

*Prayer is not to have our will accomplished. Prayer is surrendering absolutely and unconditionally to God accomplishing His will in us, even as it is in heaven.*

### 11 'GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.'

*Prayer exercises our faith in God alone to be our Provider and our Provision, in every area of life, both spiritual and temporal.*

*Prayer is spiritual warfare against some of our soul's greatest enemies: anxiety, worry and fear.*

### 12 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.'

13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]'

**Worry, anxiety and fear is believing that God doesn't know and doesn't care.**

**Romans 8:32 ESV**

**32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?**

## Satan's Method of Distracting and Dividing

Matthew 6:24-34 ESV

24 No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

25 Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,

29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34 Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

**Worry, anxiety and fear choke the very life out of our faith and relationship with God.**

Mark 4:18-19 ESV

18 And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word,

19 but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

**Prayer casts out worry, anxiety and fear, keeping us safe from Satan's strategies.**

1 Peter 5:6-8 ESV

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares (*melei - to take care, to care about, to be of interest to, to concern*) for you.

8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Philippians 4:6-7 NASB

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.