

<sup>9</sup>Our Father in heaven, Your name be honored as holy. <sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD. **Matthew 6:9-11**

You might wonder if Jesus was just hungry when He was praying, or if He was being spiritual, talking of metaphorical bread. Take a moment to read the verses at the top of this page again. Verse 9 focuses the believer on who God is and verse 10 focuses us on our Father's priorities. His priorities will inform how we pray for the daily needs before us. That is what it means to pray "give us today our daily bread." Solomon's request to God in 1 Kings 3 gives us a great example!

## **1 Kings 3:5-10 (HCSB)**

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask. What should I give you?" <sup>6</sup>And Solomon replied, "You have shown great and faithful love to Your servant, my father David, because he walked before You in faithfulness, righteousness, and integrity. You have continued this great and faithful love for him by giving him a son to sit on his throne, as it is today. <sup>7</sup>"Lord my God, You have now made Your servant king in my father David's place. Yet I am just a youth with no experience in leadership. <sup>8</sup>Your servant is among Your people You have chosen, a people too numerous to be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>So give Your servant an obedient heart to judge Your people and to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" <sup>10</sup>Now it pleased the Lord that Solomon had requested this.

Solomon reflected upon God's heart (v. 5-6). Then, Solomon thought about what God's priorities were (v. 7-8). Finally, he thought about what he needed to live out God's priorities and asked for God's provision (v. 9-10).

## **Pray this with the body...**

Acknowledge your dependency upon Christ for everything you need. Thank Him for how He has provided recently. Be specific.

Ask your Heavenly Father to reveal ways you have lacked in your dependency on Christ, or have been more focused on your personal "wants" than what you "need" to pursue His priorities. Confess and ask for genuine repentance. Pray the same for us as a church.

Ask your Heavenly Father to give you faith to trust Him for your daily needs, even when you can't see how He will provide. Ask the Lord to make our role in His mission clear, so that each one of us can give consistently and sacrificially, with confidence in His promise to provide every gospel resource needed.

Ask the Lord to show you how you need to submit your entire life to His Kingdom-purpose. Ask God to show our entire body what it looks like to order every part of life around His vision for the gospel to spread in Richmond and beyond.

