

Give us this day our daily bread

(Matthew 6:11, ESV)

When we align ourselves with the purposes of God, we enter into the new covenant that Jesus offered to his disciples saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you” (Luke 22:20, NIV). It means our relationship with God is defined by our acceptance of the cross as the necessary condition for it. Once we have taken that step of faith, the blessings of that enduring relationship also come our way. Jesus said: “I came so that you may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10, ESV).

It was so like Jesus to limit this prayer to one day at a time. Not that He did not plan – He did – but He wanted us to walk in daily dependence on our heavenly father. Later in the same chapter he taught: “Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own” (6:34).

His care for us is not limited to bread alone. We can tell him about everything we need – food, health, protection, a passport, work, relationship issues... Jesus did not want us to be self-indulgent. But once we have begun to live life in his Spirit, no need is too earthly to talk to him about. Jesus was a poor servant of women and men, yet He lived as “possessing everything” (2 Corinthians 6:10) and we are invited to follow his example.

*Prayer: Nothing is too great for God; nothing is too small.
Tell Him what you need and see how He directs you.*