



# FAITH MAIL

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### Praying Yahshua's Prayer (3)

Do you truly know what you're saying or asking when praying the Lord's Prayer? Let's look at the fourth appeal of that prayer.

#### **Matthew 6:11**

*"Give us today our daily bread."*

Yahshua is keen for those who have come into the employment of the Kingdom – His followers – to know that they should depend on Yahweh's provision constantly - the workman deserves to be paid (1 Timothy 5:18); His Father in heaven would not see them go without.

Leap forward to Matthew 6:25-26, where we find Yahshua unpacking this further to His disciples, telling them not to worry about food and clothes. Worrying about such things will only distract us from the more important business of giving ourselves to the work of the Kingdom of Heaven, which will add value to our lives. Making this fourth appeal with understanding will liberate us to serve in the Kingdom with a stress-free heart.

So, what does Yahshua mean by 'daily bread'? Yes, it includes what we put in our stomachs to feed and sustain our physical bodies daily. But does Yahshua want us to understand more?

See how He responded to the devil's temptation in Matthew 4:4, *"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of [Yahweh]."* Yahshua recognised that our needs are varied and go way beyond food and clothing. He pointed us to other essential sources of nourishment that we need to live full and meaningful lives, such as:

- embracing Yahweh's Word, consuming it as Jeremiah did, and finding it a source of joy and delight (Jeremiah 15:16)
- having a dynamic relationship with Yahshua, Who identified Himself as "...the bread of life" (John 6:35)
- doing the will and work of the Father (John 4:32-34)
- spending time in the Father's Presence and receiving His instructions (Mark 1:35)

Note the use of the word "...today..." It suggests that Yahweh will provide us with what is necessary for the present day. Therefore, we can confidently say this prayer every day and then go about our service in the Kingdom free from care.