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Lord's Prayer Daily Bread

A. The Lord's Prayer

- a. Matthew 6:9-13 NIV 9 "This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'
- B. Intro: What prayers are you thankful that God answered no?
- C. Big Idea: God knows what is best and gives us what we need.
- D. Scripture: Matthew $6:11 \text{ NLT} {}^{11} \text{ Give us today our daily bread.}$
- E. Why do we pray for our daily bread?
 - a. Teaches us to Trust God
 - i. Deuteronomy 8:2-4 NLT ² Remember how the Lord your God led you through the wilderness for these forty years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character, and to find out whether or not you would obey his commands. ³ Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴ For all these forty years your clothes didn't wear out, and your feet didn't blister or swell.
 - ii. Proverbs $22:19 \text{ NLT} {}^{19}\text{ I}$ am teaching you today—yes, you— so you will trust in the Lord.
 - b. Reminds us our Security is in God
 - i. Matthew 6:25-34 NLT ²⁵ "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? ²⁷ Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? ²⁸ "And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, ²⁹ yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. ³⁰ And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and

thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? ³¹ "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' ³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. ³⁴ "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

- ii. Proverbs 23:4-5 NLT ⁴ Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit. ⁵ In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle.
- iii. Psalm 20:7 NIV ⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.
- iv. Psalm 23:1 NLT ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.
- v. Proverbs 1:7 NLT –⁷ Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

c. Protects us from Arrogance

- i. Proverbs 30:7-9 NLT ⁷O God, I beg two favors from you; let me have them before I die. ⁸ First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. ⁹ For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name.
- ii. Psalm $24:1 \text{ NLT} {}^{1}\text{ The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.}$ The world and all its people belong to him.
- iii. Proverbs $11:25 \text{ NLT} {}^{25} \text{ The generous will prosper}$; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

F. Getting Practical

- 1. Thank God for being your source
- 2. Give Regularly
- G. Close: Are we trusting in God or the "security" of our resources?
 - a. 1 Timothy 6:8 NLT 8 So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

b. Next Steps

- i. Memorize: Matthew 6:9-13 (The Lord's Prayer)
- ii. Think About: Am I finding my security in possessions and money or in my relationship with God?

iii. Action: Choose to put your trust in God and find your security in Him.