

Sermon Discussion Guide

The Lord's Prayer – Part 2

Matthew 6:11–15

Petition 4 – Provision (11)

Gen. 8:22; Heb. 1:3; Prov. 30:8; Ex. 16:1–36; Deut. 8:1–10; John 6:35, 47–51, 52–59

- What does “bread” represent in this petition?
- Most of us do not wonder where our next meal will come from. Do we still need to pray this petition?
- Do our prayers inform God about our needs? In what sense is this petition for our benefit?

Petition 5 – Pardon (12, 14–15)

Matt. 22:37–38; 26:28; Heb. 9:22; Eph. 1:7; Rom. 3:25–26; 1 John 1:9–2:2; Mark 11:25; Matt. 18:21–35; Luke 6:37; 17:3; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13

- If all our sins—past, present, and future—were forgiven when we first trusted in Christ, why do we need to pray daily for pardon?
- According to Jesus, what is one of the clearest evidences that we’ve experienced God’s forgiveness? What does a refusal to forgive others say about someone?
- Forgiving someone who has wronged you is difficult. What does the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matt. 18:21–35) teach us about how to move from being wronged to extending forgiveness?

Petition 6 – Protection (13)

Jas. 1:2–4, 13–15; 1 John 2:15–17; 1 Pet. 5:8; Gen. 22:1; Matt. 4:1; 1 Cor. 10:12–14; 2 Cor. 12:9–10; 2 Tim. 4:18; Heb. 4:15–16;

- What sources of temptation do we face daily?
- James 1:13 tells us that God does not tempt us to sin. Why, then, do we pray, “lead us not into temptation”?
What are we asking God to do in this petition?
- Why is Jesus able to help us when we’re tempted? See Heb. 4:15–16.
- Do you pray this petition regularly? If not, how could incorporating it into your prayer life help you in your daily struggle with temptation to sin?