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Matthew 6:6 – 13 (ESV)

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MESSAGE NOTES

Culture is defined as:

- **Norms** – rules that guide how people behave and interact.
- **Values** – ideals that guide individuals' actions and decisions.
- **Beliefs** – ideas and convictions that individuals hold.
- **Language** – ways of communicating values, beliefs, and customs.
- **Artifacts/Expressive symbols** – items that represent and convey information about the people and the culture to which they relate.

But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

– Matthew 6:6 – 13 (ESV)

Give us this day our daily bread, ... – Matthew 6:11 (ESV)

Greek word *epiousios* (ἐπιούσιος) means "daily"

If today is a gift, what are you thankful for that has already been provided to you?

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. – Matthew 6:13 (ESV)

The Greek word *peirasmos*, which is translated as "temptation" can also mean "trial" or "test."

... "Our Father in heaven, ... your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." – Matthew 6:9 – 13 (NIV)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How familiar are you with Matthew 6:9-13, often referred to as the Lord's Prayer?
- When you read the lines and Jesus' invitation to pray in a specific way, has this model ever been one you have followed? If so, what has your experience been as you spent time with Jesus?
- Do you currently have any habits or practices for expressing gratitude for what you have in your life?
- Do you tend to find yourself asking for or wanting what you don't have? When does that tendency often arise for you?
- In life, we often face moments we dislike. It can be challenging to view a life "hiccup" or challenge as part of a bigger picture. When you encounter moments that give you the opportunity to practice self-control, how do you typically respond?
- Have you ever asked Jesus, in those moments of testing, to lead you through to a place of growth and maturity instead of escape?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Book Recommendation: *Sermon on the Mount* (The Story of God Bible Commentary) by Scott McKnight (<https://www.amazon.com/Sermon-Mount-Story-Bible-Commentary-ebook/dp/B00BW3EDMA>)

BibleProject Guides - Walk through the Lord's Prayer as a personal journey (<https://bibleproject.com/guides/the-lords-prayer/>)