



THE PRAYER THAT EMBRACES THE WORLD

PROVISION

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Matthew 6:25-34 (ESV)

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the

grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Introduction

Prayer is not a ritual
Prayer is relational

Hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come

“The easiest way to simplify the spiritual life is to get rid of God. Then everything is simple in that you know exactly what you are going to do. But when you are living with an almighty God, a life that requires obedience and sacrifice, then life is more difficult.” —*Eugene Peterson*

Your will be done

“**If** you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

“**If** you are the Son of God, throw yourself down”

“All these I will give you, **if** you will fall down and worship me.” Matthew 4:3–9

“Lord, **if you will**, you can make me clean.’ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, ‘**I will**; be clean.’ And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.” Matthew 8:2–3

“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” Matthew 8:6

“Jesus said, ‘Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.’” Matthew 8:13

“ ‘Save us, Lord; we are perishing.’ And He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?’ Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.” Matthew 8:25–26

“So to keep me from becoming conceited . . . a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’”

2 Corinthians 12:7–9

“My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

Matthew 26:39

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread