The portion of the Lord' Prayer that we are focusing on today is "Give us this day, our daily bread" or "Our daily provision of bread, give us today".

Thinking about the message you just heard...

#TargetPractice: What should we trust God to provide?

What we need.

Jesus talked about this more than once. In fact, He actually discussed it in more detail a bit later in the Sermon on the Mount (which is where we find the Lord's Prayer).

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[a] 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. (Matthew 6:25-34 NLT)

This makes me think of a story I heard about a man who was running an orphanage who trusted God in this way. We are going to watch a video about a man named George Mueller. Even though this is a VeggieTale and some of it is silly, George Mueller was a real person. It may not have happened exactly like this, but the idea is the same.

<u>VeggieTales | The Story of George Mueller</u>

What do you think about that? This was just an example of what George Mueller did. He lived a large part of his life trusting God to provide what was needed in the moment. Sometimes it happened just like in the video, at exactly the time of need. In fact, he was able to get enough money to build a large facility to have 300 children. Although it took 2.5 years to get enough money, he did it without having to ask for anything! God provided!!!

In fact, in his lifetime, George gave away \$700,000 dollars that had been given to him for his personal needs. (That's over \$28 million dollars in today's money!)

Now George didn't just sit back, do nothing, and just wait for things to be handed to him. He was in the community sharing about what he was doing. But more importantly, George spent a large amount of time reading the Bible and talking to God. He sought first the Kingdom of God and God took care of him and those whom he was caring for.

George trusted God to take care of his needs and the needs of the kids he took care of. And God provided. Sometimes we have to trust God in the same way and we are provided for. But sometimes God uses us to help provide for others who need it.

In the video, we saw a baker who got up early to bake bread for them and a milk cart needed to be unloaded next to their building.

What are some ways we could be God's hands and help provide for those in need?

Reference: The Life of George Muller - GeorgeMuller.org