



YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

LESSON 26: LORD'S PRAYER

FOURTH PETITION

Introduction

- What is the fourth request we make of our Heavenly Father in the Lord's Prayer?
- How is this request different from the first three?
- What is meant by *daily bread*?

God Provides Our Daily Bread

God cares for our bodily needs in many different ways. How is the Lord providing in these Bible passages?

Genesis 1:29 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

Psalm 37:25 I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

Genesis 8:22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

Genesis 3:21 The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

Psalm 104:14 He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate-- bringing forth food from the earth:

- How do we know God is really concerned about the needs of our bodies?

Matthew 6:33 (1192)

Romans 8:32 (526)

Search the Scriptures

Deuteronomy 8:7	God provides:	A. Water	B. Father and Mother
1 Chronicles 29:11-13	God provides:	A. Wealth	B. Bread
Psalms 128	God provides:	A. Clothing	B. Family
Proverbs 31	God provides:	A. Brothers and Sisters	B. Spouses
Psalms 144:11-15	God provides:	A. Protection	B. Work

God gives you everything you need for your daily life. How many things can you think of and list?

If God gives daily bread even without our asking (even to the wicked), why do we ask Him for it?

Psalm 107:1 (1195)
 1 Peter 5:7 (1197)
 1 Timothy 6:8 (1199)

Conclusion

- "We pray FOR everything that is necessary in order to have and enjoy daily bread . . . We ask God to give us food and drink, clothing, house, home, and a sound body; to cause the grain and fruits of the field to grow and yield richly; to help us manage our household well and give and preserve to us a good wife, children, and servants; to cause our work, craft, or occupation, whatever it may be, to prosper and succeed; to grant us faithful neighbors and good friends; to endow the emperor, kings, and all estates of men, and especially our princes, counselors, magistrates, and officials, with wisdom, strength, and prosperity to govern well . . . All these things come from God and we must pray for them" (Luther's *Large Catechism*).
- "We pray AGAINST everything that interferes with enjoying our daily bread . . . We ask God to protect us from all kinds of harm to our body and our livelihood, from tempest, hail, fire, and flood; from poison, pestilence, and cattle-plague; from war and bloodshed, famine, savage beasts, wicked men . . ." (Luther's *Large Catechism*).

Assignment

- Memorize the fourth petition with the explanation (Catechism, p. 214)