



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 11: 1-4

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him,

"Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."

He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name,
your Kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread

and forgive us our sins

for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us,

and do not subject us to the final test."

Our Scripture Reflection

In today's Gospel text Jesus teaches His disciples what has become the central prayer of our Christian tradition. How is Jesus' prayer unique from the prayers used by the Jews and Gentiles of His day?

1. Intimacy: We are told by Him to call God "Father", Dad. No Jew nor Gentle would have ever dared to call God Almighty such a thing.

2. Jesus calls His disciples to an awareness of their dependency on His Father: Notice, we are not to ask for our annual or monthly or weekly bread. We pray for our DAILY bread. This means that we must stay connected to Our Father

and pray each and every day for what we need. What an important lesson on humility.

Food for your Journey

Those who have prayed the Lord's Prayer with an open heart, as an act of humble discipleship, know that the prayer is powerful and even dangerous. In praying the Lord's Prayer we ask God to lead us down some risky and unfamiliar paths. Praying the Lord's Prayer compromises the sense of security we fumble to maintain within our own power.

--Victoria Rebeck

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, What an incredible gift You give us by granting us the ability and privilege to call Your Father, Our Father. In the busyness of this life, Lord, it is so easy to fall into the trap of thinking that I am totally on my own. You want us to stay intimately connected to Your Father and to realize that without His goodness and mercy we simply cannot make it in this life. Make me humble before Him. Amen