The Lord's Prayer: Our Daily Bread

Exodus 16:1-5 **A** Matthew 6:11

"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
His power and the wonders He has done.
So they will not forget His deeds,
So they would not be like their forefathers a stubborn and rebellious generation.
They forgot what He had done, the wonders He had shown them.
He rained down manna for the people to eat,
He gave them the grain of heaven."

(Psalm 78)

Body and Soul

Don't you love the smell of fresh-baked bread?
of some type is a staple in every culture.
My Papaw Allen believed there had to be at every meal.
God is concerned about both our spiritual and fitness.
"Jesus is not satisfied when we pray only for the most important things: God's honor, rule and will. He gives equal time to matters. It is not selfish to pray about physical, social and personal needs. It is in fact Jesus' that we pray for these things." ("The Christbook" Frederick Dale Bruner, p. 305)
Jesus said, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Heavenly Father them Are you not more valuable than they?" (Matthew 6:26).
"Taking the five and the two fish and looking up to heaven, Jesus gave thanks and broke the Then He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people They all ate and were The number of those who ate were about men, besides women and children" (Matthew 14:19-21)
Bread
Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Give us today our daily" (Matthew 5:11).
In Hebrew thought, "bread" encompasses all of our needs.

Jesus taught His followers to pray for bread, not
"God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our"
Daily
"Give us our bread."
"The LORD said to Moses, 'I will rain down from heaven for you. The people are to go out each and gather enough for that'" (Exodus 16:4).
Except for the extra manna the Israelites gathered for the Sabbath, any extra manna they gathered and saved on other days
We are much more on God than we realize or admit.
Our
"Give us today daily bread."
In our age of affluence, it is hard for Americans to appreciate how great the struggle to obtain has been throughout history and continues to be for people.
The first request in the Lord's Prayer re. us is not for "my" daily bread, but"" daily bread.
Takeaways
" one can worship God or love his neighbor on anstomach." (President Woodrow Wilson)
"Why would the Jesus who fed His five not want us to pray for the feeding of our six?" (Bruner, p. 306)
*Are you giving to feed the children in our adopted orphanage in Kenya?
*Will you give to the Souper Bowl Offering today?
*Will you volunteer at Memphis Union Mission or at the Soup Kitchen at FPC downtown?
*Do you bring food for HHPC's Food Pantry?
"What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry to God in prayer!"

