

## In the Secret Places: Praying for What We Need

Matthew 6:11–13

### Opening Discussion:

1. Have you ever asked for something silly through prayer?
2. Is it ok to ask for what we need when we pray?
3. Is it ok to ask for what we want when we pray?
4. Why do you think God would want to ask for what we need or even want?

After we focus our hearts on our \_\_\_\_\_, we ask for what we need, but even that part of prayer  
must be \_\_\_\_\_ focused.

### Explore the Passage

#### 1. Give us this day our \_\_\_\_\_.

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. **Matthew 6:31-33**

The LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not." **Exodus 16:4**

This should prompt us to pray for our basic needs AND to thank God for meeting our needs.

#### 2. Forgive us our \_\_\_\_\_ as we forgive our \_\_\_\_\_.

This should prompt us to pray for forgiveness AND that God would help us forgive others.

#### 3. Lead us not into \_\_\_\_\_.

This should prompt us to pray that God would help us avoid temptation.

#### 4. Deliver us from \_\_\_\_\_.

This should prompt us to pray that God would protect us from evil AND from Satan's lies and attacks.

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must be \_\_\_\_\_ focused.

### Fill in the Blank Answers

#### Opening Discussion

After we focus our hearts on our Father, we ask for what we need, but even that part of prayer must be spiritually focused.

#### Explore the Passage

1. daily, bread
2. debts, debtors
3. temptation
4. evil

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