

Matthew 6:5-15

Give us this Day Our Daily Bread

This is a prayer no one in this room really needs to pray.

We are all well fed – we all have everything we really need to live by the grace of God.

We live in the top 2 percent of the wealthiest people in the world in this city.

Vancouver has repeatedly been ranked one of the top 3 if not the top city to live in for decades now.

So frankly, I don't need to preach this part of the prayer to you and will sit down right now.

Except, this prayer isn't really about bread.

It is about necessities of life.

Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

What is it we need to live?

What causes a person to feel that life is no longer liveable?

Is it the lack of food, water and shelter that makes a life?

These things sustain the body, but can they sustain a person, a mind, a heart a soul?

What good is it then to feed a body but not the soul?

What do you think a person really needs to live?

Faith- , security, safety, trust, stability.

Hope, direction, purpose, future.

Love. Healthy growing relationships, the ability to give yourself away.

Each of these is found in Christ.

1 Corinthians 13 states: And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

Give us this day our daily bread.

What we need not only to feed our bodies.

But to give us life itself.

A quick curve ball – Nanny Mcphee.

“When you need me but don't want me, I'll be there.

When you want me but no longer need me, I'll be gone.”

God always knows what we need despite what we want.

And that is what he will give us.

Give me what I need and not what I want.

Let my wants and my needs become one and the same.

Amen.

Where is your security?

What is your direction and purpose?

Are you loving and loved?

What are some of the needs and wants you struggle with?

When has God given you what you need rather than what you want?