

Wisdom Not Worry
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“Give us this day our daily bread.”

Of all the lessons learned from the last several months, the one most obvious to me has been a renewed acknowledgment of our utter dependence upon God. Hasn't the pandemic shown us just how vulnerable and needy we are?

Though invisible to the eye, the virus brought a multi trillion dollar economy to its knees, exposed just how little the experts really know, transformed what was one of the lowest unemployment rates to historic highs, crippled once thriving mom and pop establishments, decimated 401-K's and severed family relationships. For the one who has ears to hear, God is saying, "I'm God and you are not." It's a shame it takes a pandemic to humble the proud and silence the arrogant. Especially since Jesus wanted to remind us daily just how small we are when he taught us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread."

In teaching us to pray, "Give us", Jesus reminds us we are incapable of providing for even our most basic need, bread. Despite our arrogant claims to the contrary, breakfast, lunch and dinner aren't earned, only humbly and gratefully received as a gift from our Father's generous hand. Humbling isn't it? Jesus gave it to us straight, "Apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:15). If we have it, we've received it. If we need it, we best ask Him for it. As our good, good Father, He is eager to give good gifts to those who ask for them (Matthew 7:11).

Grateful,

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