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TUESDAY HOLY WEEK

Sleeping with Bread

Opening Prayer

“Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more” (William Williams, 1717–1791). Thank You, Lord, that Your Word is the bread of life. Feed me now.

Matthew 6:7-15

7 “But when you pray, do not babble repetitiously like the pagans, for they think that because of their many words they will be heard. 8 Therefore do not be like them, for your Father knows [what you need] before you ask him. 9 Therefore you pray in this way: “Our Father who is in heaven, may your name be treated as holy. 10 May your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 **Give us today our daily bread,** 12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. 14 For if you forgive people their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive people, neither will your Father forgive your sins.*

Dennis, Sheila Fabricant and Matthew Linn share the following story in their book *“Sleeping with Bread: Holding What Gives You Life:*

“During the bombing raids of World War II, thousands of children were orphaned and left to starve. The fortunate ones were rescued and placed in refugee camps where they received food and good care. But many of these children who had lost so much could not sleep at night. They feared waking up to find themselves once again homeless and without food. Nothing seemed to reassure them. Finally, someone hit upon the idea of giving each child a piece of bread to hold at bedtime. Holding their bread, these children could finally sleep in peace. All through the night the bread reminded them, ‘Today I ate and I will eat again tomorrow.’”

Give us today our daily bread, each day God supplies us with life and food and clothing and housing, hope and strength for all He does let us give thanks.

"Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.'" [for yours in the power and the glory forever.] Amen