

Lord's Day 50

Heidelberg Catechism

The Third Part – Of Thankfulness – Of Prayer

Question 125

Which is the fourth petition?

Answer

*Give us this day our daily bread;*¹ that is, be pleased to provide us with all things necessary for the body,² that we may thereby acknowledge Thee to be the only fountain of all good,³ and that neither our care nor industry, nor even Thy gifts, can profit us without Thy blessing;⁴ and therefore that we may withdraw our trust from all creatures and place it alone in Thee.⁵

1 **Matt. 6:11**

Give us this day our daily bread.

2 **Ps. 145:15**

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Matt. 6:25 ff.

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

3 **Acts 17:25**

Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

Acts 14:17

Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

4 **1 Cor. 15:58**

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Deut. 8:3

And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

Ps. 127:1, 2

Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

5 **Ps. 62:11**

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

Ps. 55:22

Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.