

Prayer - Our Father, Breathe Upon Us and Give Us a Morning Blessing

by J.R. Miller

This sermon emphasizes the importance of trusting God in all things, being grateful for His blessings, and resting in His love and presence.

Scripture: Matthew 6:11, Romans 8:28, Philippians 4:6, James 1:17

Topics: "Gratitude", "Prayer"

Description

J.R. Miller emphasizes the importance of prayer in seeking God's blessings for each new day, expressing gratitude for His protection and provision. He encourages believers to recognize God as the source of all good gifts and to cultivate a heart of gratitude, even amidst trials. Miller reminds us to trust in God's promise to work all things for good and to seek His presence and guidance as we navigate our daily lives. He also reflects on the weariness of life and the comfort found in Jesus' understanding and love, urging us to surrender our burdens to Him. The sermon concludes with a prayer for protection and rest, preparing for the Lord's Day ahead.

Transcript

Our Father, breathe upon us and give us a morning blessing. For keeping us through the night, we thank You. For the blessings which came to us in our sleep, we thank You. As a new day has dawned upon us, may new divine light and peace be poured upon us. Make our pathway full of gladness. We ask You to give us this day our daily bread. We ask not for luxury -- but we ask for what we need. May Your blessing be upon what we receive. We ask for strength for our labor, that we may earn the food we require. We ask You to open our eyes, that we may see You as the Giver of all the good things we enjoy. Sometimes we forget that these mercies come from Your hand. We think we have gotten them ourselves. Show us Yourself as the giver of every good and perfect blessing, and give us grace to be grateful.

We desire to live cheerfully this day. Sometimes we complain and find fault, murmuring at the little trials that come to us. Forgive us all our complainings, and give us hearts that shall be always grateful. You have said that You work all things together for good, to those who love You. Help us to believe this promise; and when there are trials and losses, still to rejoice, because Your hand will surely bring good out of evil. Help us in all things to trust You, to lay all our cares in Your hand and leave them there, without anxiety.

You have promised to be with us always. Fulfill to us this word on which You have caused us to hope. We cannot go out into the new way of this day, without Your presence. We beseech You to walk beside us, and to give us Your protection, and Your guidance and help. We have never gone this way before, and we cannot find the path ourselves. All this we ask in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

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SATURDAY EVENING

O Jesus, You love us, and we come now to rest in Your love at the close of the week. It has not been easy for us. We have had our labors, our tasks, our burdens, our struggles, our anxieties, our duties, our sorrows. We are tired tonight. Our feet are weary from the long journey. It is very sweet for us to remember that You were tired, blessed Jesus, more than once during Your earthly experience. We have read how You sat down on the old well curb, so weary after traveling in the hot dust, that You could not go any further. You are able to understand how we feel, when we are tired. We are glad of Your sympathy tonight.

Accept our day's work and make it Yours. Forgive all that You see wrong in what we have said or done. Forbid, O Jesus, that anything we have done may have caused hurt to Your cause or to any other life. Forgive any rash word or act of ours, which may have given pain to anyone. Take our work, cleanse it, perfect it -- and then use it to help in some way to establish Your kingdom.

Before us is the night, yet in its darkness -- You walk, our unseen Friend. We desire to keep near to You, to hide ourselves in the shelter of Your love -- and then no harm shall befall us, and no evil shall come near us. Take care of us -- for we cannot take care of ourselves. Keep us -- for we cannot keep ourselves. Watch over us in the darkness of the night -- for we cannot protect our own lives. Give us refreshing rest in sleep, and fit us for the Sunday that will dawn upon us in the morning. May it be to us indeed the Lord's Day, and may we be in the Spirit, and the Spirit in us. Gather us all near Your heart, and overspread our home with Your wings. We ask all in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

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