

# CROSSPOINT Youth scripts

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**Synopsis:** This monologue is a parody of the Lord's Prayer that gets stuck on the "daily bread" section. It demonstrates the disproportionate time we spend in requesting things, and our comparative neglect of worship, confession, and thanksgiving.

**Topic:** Prayer, Selfishness, Worship

**Time Requirements:** 2 minutes

**Characters:** One lone prayer warrior

**Props:** (optional) To add a little extra irony, you can have the person munching on a donut the whole time.

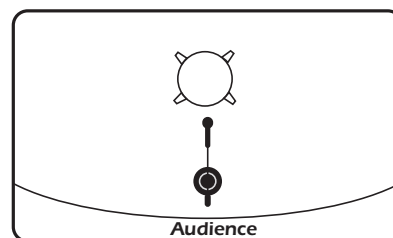
**Technical:** One wireless mike.



## Give Us This Day

**Stage Setup:**

This one's so flexible, you can perform it almost anywhere. Sit on a stool, kneel, or just pray standing.



### User's Guide

**Scripture link:**  
Matthew 6:7-12

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

**Blocking:** In the middle of the prayer feel free to move about in a sort of aimless fashion. Keep your eyes focused on a central spot on the ceiling so the audience is visually reminded that you're still praying.

### Script

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Our Father who art in heaven  
Shallow is my aim  
Thy kingdom come  
But make it fun  
On earth til we get to heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our debts so we'll  
Have more money to buy more daily bread

And while I'm thinking about it, let me just say a few words about the importance of daily bread. Daily bread, Lord, is really quite crucial to all that goes on down here. I guess it goes without saying that without daily bread, things would get real tough real fast. Not that I want more than my fair share. But I have noticed other people having a little more than seems to come my way.



**Discussion point:** When you hear a typical prayer, what percentage of it would you say are requests? 50%? 70%? What percentage of the Lord's Prayer are the requests?




**Scripture link:** Job 33:26  
He prays to God and finds favor with him, he sees God's face and shouts for joy; he is restored by God to his righteous state.




**Discussion point:** If you were going to do something in your prayer besides ask for stuff, what else would you do?



**Scripture link:** Jeremiah 14: 7 Although our sins testify against us, O LORD, do something for the sake of your name. For our backsliding is great; we have sinned against you.

 **Author's Note:** *You need to have a bold, almost demanding tone. It's sort as if God is your servant boy or a big vending machine.*

**Blocking:** You should be back now to the point where you started. Make your expression in the ending more "automatic" than the rest.

 **Music Links:**  
"Who Can Satisfy" is a heart-felt song by Dennis Jernigan. Originally written as a solo, I love the choir anthem version by Discovery House Music, 1994.

This ballad has a little "gospel" feel, but is easy enough for any youth choir or youth group. The lyrics cry out for the One, the only One, who can satisfy all our needs. The words, "There is a fountain, who is a King, Victorious Warrior, and Lord of everything" will echo in your heart and mind day after day.

So I just wanted to send up a little reminder about the daily bread. Oh, and few specifics... maybe some wheat bread to start and then I could use a loaf or two of white as well. I know it's not as good for me, but I have to admit it makes the peanut butter somehow taste better. Then I need some French rolls, and then maybe

**1 minute**

some fun stuff like a couple cinnamon buns and maybe a box of donuts wouldn't hurt anything. Mix the cake and glazed however you see fit. And throw in some freezer bags too. I don't want it to go stale. And really any bread that's lyin' around unclaimed, just throw it in too. Can always use a little more. Then there's the missionaries. They always need bread. Oh, and my mom ordered two sourdough loaves and my friend Nathan would love chocolate chip bagels. You do bagels, don't you? Oh, and my Aunt Martha has that bad back and needs some English muffins. Anyway, I hope you got all that. Now where was I? Oh yes.

And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver the bread on time.  
For thine is the kingdom, and power, and glory forever. Amen  
Did I mention the daily bread?

**2 minutes**

### Lights Out.

Date Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

Actors Used: \_\_\_\_\_

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