

Our daily bread

"Give us this day our daily bread" (Matt 6:11). This portion of Our Father is often thought about a spiritual meaning namely the Word of Life and Power of our God - "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God" - (Matt 4:4 and Deut 8: 3).

But daily bread is just the physical food that we consume daily. In the Western world it is so obvious that the "necessity" and blessing of it is overlooked. But in other parts of the world it is that you have to struggle on the daily basis to gather some little food. Then we have "give us this day our daily bread" as a literal prayer to God. Not long ago the EHEC bacterium was discovered in Germany. This created alongside the well-known animal diseases also a vegetable disease. What is worrying is that the West with its abundance also may be affected by a shortage of food. Through our high level of consuming a shortage can be in hand reach. Then we still have so much money and possessions. However, our basic need, "our daily bread" is really vital and we do not even mention the necessity of water!

After the tsunami in Japan (until recently the 2nd largest economy in the world) a man (had the appearance of a wealthy man) was interviewed who was living in one of the crisis centre's. With some embarrassment, the man told that he has lost possessions but still had sufficient finances. However, he said that with these finances he could not gain "better" than the available food which was the ration of noodles soup.

May we be aware of what a blessing we have when praying for "our daily bread".



Wish you God's Merci and Truth (Prov.3: 3)!