

Sunday July 4, 2021
Matthew 6:9-13
Applied Christianity: A Radical Faith
Relationships, Requests, Repentance, and Realization

D _____ to be D _____

Just e _____ for t _____.

The nature of f _____ is to e _____ God's help
and c _____ on God's help for the m _____.

C _____ to be C _____

We can t _____ Our Father to t _____ c _____ of us.

God has a p _____ to p _____ for our n _____.

Devotional Thought

Every pastor of my generation and before who has ever gone to seminary has a story to tell about God's provision. I am no different. Sonya and I moved to New Orleans with a few hundred dollars in our bank account and no jobs. Did I mention that we also had a 10-month-old daughter? I would love to say that we had lots of faith, but the truth is that we were just naïve. The faith came later. At the moment, we were just excited for this new stage in our lives, and we trusted that God would take care of us. Now, some would call that faith, but our faith became real when life got hard. We were both working, but there were days when our money ran out before the month did. I can remember on several occasions being out of money, food, and diapers wondering how we were going to provide for our little girl. Then I would come home from class or work, and there was a box of groceries on the doorstep, a box of diapers, or a box of baby food. And one time, it was just a box of sweet potatoes. But, man, were they good. I honestly cannot tell you how many times God has provided for us at just the right moment, but that's what I've learned over the years: He's never early, and He's never late. That's what Jesus is teaching us in this Lord's Prayer – that we need to have the kind of radical faith that trusts Our Father to take care of us day by day -- and sometimes even moment by moment.

Can you think of times when God has provided for you at just the right time? Why not make a list of all those times you can think of and then celebrate those moments by saying, "Thank you, Father, for just enough."