

The Heidelberg Catechism

125. What is the fourth petition?

“Give us this day our daily bread;” that is, be pleased to provide for all our bodily need,¹ so that we may thereby acknowledge that You are the only fountain of all good,² and that without Your blessing neither our care and labor, nor Your gifts, can profit us;³ that we may therefore withdraw our trust from all creatures and place it alone in You.⁴

¹ Ps 104:27-30, 145:15-16; Mt 6:25-34; ² Acts 14:17, 17:25-28; Jas 1:17; ³ Deut 8:3; Ps 37:3-7, 16-17, 127:1-2; 1 Cor 15:58; ⁴ Ps 55:22, Ps 62, Ps 146; Jer 17:1-8; Heb 13:5-6