

The background features a soft-focus cityscape at sunset, with a bright sun low on the horizon. In the foreground, several olive branches with small, green, pointed leaves are visible, partially obscuring the city view.

“Prayer & Fasting”

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Matthew 6:7-18

⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹“This, then, is how you should pray:

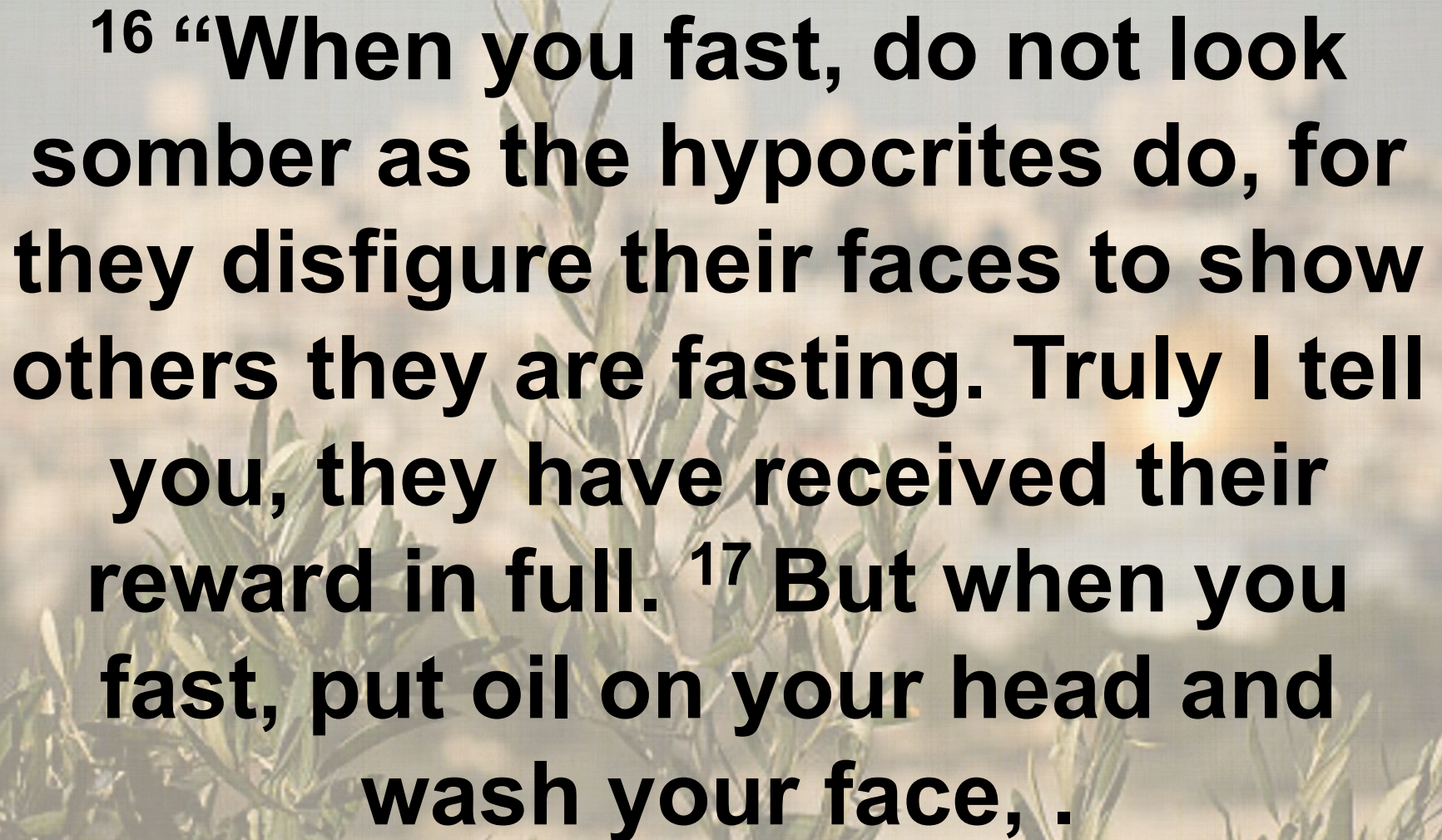
**““Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,**

**¹⁰your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

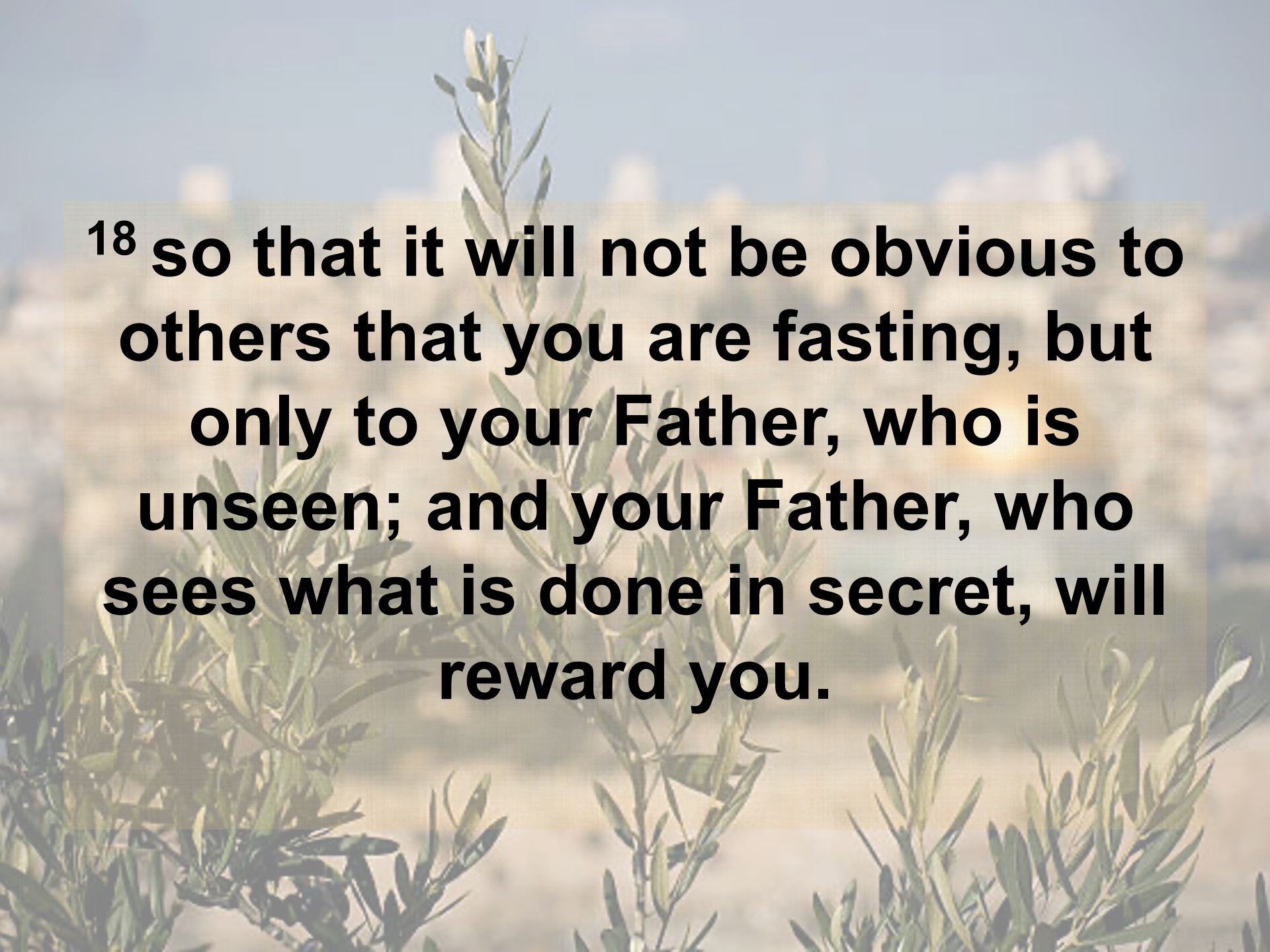
¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

**¹² And forgive us our debts, as
we also have forgiven our
debtors.**

**¹³And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one. ¹⁴For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.**



16 “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, .



1⁸ so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.