



**"Lord, Teach us how to Pray."**

## **Luke 11:1-13**

### **1. Luke 11:1 – "Lord teach us to pray...just as John taught his disciples."**

- Rabbis would write prayers for their disciples to pray and recite. John did this with his disciples.
- Jesus' disciples watched him pray very often and saw the love that he had for prayer and time spent with the Heavenly Father!
- They also knew that prayer was not just the reciting of words!
- **Jesus had taught them** in Matthew 6:7 – "*When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.*"
- **Luke 11:2** – Jesus said "*This is how you pray:*" / Jesus is giving the heart of how to pray!
- **Luke 11:2** – "*Father may your name be kept Holy.*"
- **First of all**, we pray to our Heavenly Father in Jesus name!
- We do not pray to anyone else!
- The false prayers that have been created and are being created by humans and church leaders are so far off from the Bible!
- **Example – Praying to Jesus' mother Mary.** It is done by MILLIONS and MILLIONS daily!
- You are to **NEVER** to pray to her or anyone else according to the Bible!
- **Mary was a human and sinner!**
- **Luke 1:47-48** – Mary said, "*How my spirit rejoices in God MY Savior! For he took notice of this LOWLY SERVANT girl...*" / **Romans 3:23** – "*For ALL have SINNED and fall short of the Glory of God!*"
- *Jesus gives the same prayer twice!* On the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 6 and here. *Jesus is answering this question from his disciple.*
- "**Your name**" = All of who God is...His complete character and all attributes!
- **Verses 2-4** shares that *God's Will be done on earth as in Heaven...let us live according to His Will // Give us each day our daily bread* (food physically and spiritually...**John 6:35** Jesus said "I AM the Bread of Life" // *Forgive us of our sins as we forgive those who sin against us // Don't let us yield to temptation and deliver us from the Evil one.*

### **2. More teaching on Prayer!**

- **Luke 11:5** – *Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story..."*

- Luke 11:5-8
- Verse 8 is so key here! *"But, I tell you this – if you keep on knocking long enough..."*
- Don't stop! Don't give up! Don't quit! | Thessalonians 5:17 – *"Never stop Praying!"*
- It's called **persistence** = urgency, faith, audacity, earnestness, boldness, and relentlessness!
- Verses 9-10 – Ask...seek and knock! *Keep on doing this!*

### 3. God is our Good Father!

- Verses 11-13
- **Fish or a snake? Egg or a scorpion?**
- **What's the point?** If your kiddo asks you for something, you being an earthly father who is not perfect WOULD NOT hurt your child! What father harms their kid?
- Verse 12 – *"Of course not!"*
- So...if an earthly father has that kind of heart to not hurt their children, **HOW MUCH MORE** does our **PERFECT HEAVENLY FATHER** love you...His children?!!!!
- Verse 13 – *"If you sinful people know how to give good gifts your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give the HOLY SPIRIT to those who ask him."*
- **What an incredible promise here!**
- **The Holy Spirit** convicts us, cleanses us, guides us, leads us, fills us and most of all backs up Jesus (God's Word) 100% of the time!
- You receive the Holy Spirit at Salvation (John 3:3 / Ephesians 1:13 / Romans 8:9-10 / 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 & 19-20) and He will continue to work in your life as long as you live!
- I can't think of a better prayer request answered by God to me and you than to have God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit given to me and you for our lifetime!

### Closing: Communion

- Let's take time today to remember what Jesus Christ has done for us in the Salvation of our very souls!
- He was beaten and hung on a cross, shed His blood for the forgiveness of all of our sins and died for us!
- We now have Eternal Life with Him forever IF we turn to Him and repent and put our faith in Him and His name!
- What an incredible and precious gift from our Heavenly Father to give His One and Only Son for us! John 3:16-17

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### Don't forget:

1. Sign-up on the Church Center App under *"Easter Packs"* to pick up after church and take to a non-church family next Sunday...Palm Sunday!
2. [Water Baptism Celebration](#) next Sunday! Sign-up on the Church Center App!
3. [Good Friday Service](#) with guest speaker Jeff Duncan March 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm! Doors open 6pm!
4. [Easter Sunday Services](#) March 31<sup>st</sup> 9am // 10:45am!

(Just a reminder: Kids ministries on Good Friday and Easter will be Nursery – 5 years old only on these two events)