

# Space for God Ask, Seek, Knock

## PREPARATION

*In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit...*

**Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness;  
let us exalt his name together. [Amen]** Psalm 34:3

## CONFESSION

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience.  
**And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.** 1 Corinthians 10:13

## WORSHIP

If God is for us, who can ever be against us?  
**Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?** Romans 8:31b-32

## MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION — Luke 11.1-13\*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

### IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God's healing and renewal.

Jesus said, "This is how you should pray:

"Father, may your name be kept holy.

May your Kingdom come soon.

Give us each day the food we need,  
and forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

And don't let us yield to temptation."

Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: "Suppose you went to a friend's house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, 'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.' And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, 'Don't bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can't help you.' But I tell you this—though he won't do it for

friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.

"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

"You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

### ANCHORING PRAYER

"Lord, teach me to pray."

### REVIEW OF THE HEART (previous 24 hours)

*What do I most ask, seek, and knock for in prayer?*

*What can I be more persistent about in prayer these days?*

### WISDOM

The Lord's Prayer "is truly the summary of the whole gospel." -Tertullian (160-225 A.D.), "De orat".

The one thing I ask of the Lord—the thing I seek most—is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord's perfections and meditating in his Temple. Psalm 27:4

### TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

### INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

### BENEDICTION

**Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon.  
Give us each day the food we need, and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And don't let us yield to temptation.**

**[Amen]**

Luke 11:2b-4

### SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.