

Luke 11:1-13
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Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

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- 11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."
- 2 He said to them, "When you pray, say:
- "Father, hallowed be your name,
- your kingdom come.[b]
- 3 Give us each day our daily bread.
- 4 Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.[c]
And lead us not into temptation.[d]"
- **What is the format of the prayer?**
Praise
- Thanks
- Request for needs
- Forgiveness
- Forgiving others
- Guide us (away from temptation?)

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- 5 Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ 7 And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity[[e](#)] he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.
- 9 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
- **Parable of the Persistent Friend –**
- **So You Have A Friend**
- Need
- Hospitality
- Don’t bother me!
- Give you what you need.
- Ask – given
- Seek – find
- Knock - opened
- Who asks – receives
- Who seeks – finds
- Who knocks - door is opened

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- 11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for[f] a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”
- Fathers?
- son asks for a fish -will give a snake
- asks for an egg - will give a scorpion
- if you are evil
- give gifts to your son
- how much more?
- Father in heaven - Holy Spirit - to those who ask?

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- **Understanding Prayer and Persistence:** Jesus teaches about persistence in prayer through the parable of the friend at midnight (Luke 11:5-8).
- How does this parable challenge our understanding of prayer as persistence in seeking God's response?
- What does it teach us about our relationship with God and the importance of perseverance in prayer?

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- **The Nature of God's Response:** Jesus contrasts earthly fathers who give good gifts to their children with how God responds to our prayers (Luke 11:11-13).
- How does this passage shape our understanding of God's nature as a loving and giving Father?
- What does it mean practically for our faith to trust in God's goodness and His willingness to respond to our prayers?

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- **Prayer as Relationship and Trust:** In Luke 11:1-4, Jesus provides the Lord's Prayer as a model of prayer.
- How does this prayer guide us in developing a deeper relationship with God?
- What elements of trust, surrender, and dependence on God are highlighted in this prayer?
- How can we apply these principles in our daily lives and in our relationship with God?

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- Just as you tirelessly pursue success at life, with family, at work, and in life, remember to persist in your prayers, keep knocking like a persistent friend, unwavering in your faith that God, our loving Father, hears you. Trust that He wants to give you good things.
- Will you commit today to deepening your prayer life and trusting in His answers? – Rev M Johnson