

Prayer Week
"Teach Us To Pray"
Luke 11:1-13
Sunday, March 15, 2026

Prayer - The greatest privilege of a child of God!

What a difference prayer makes in our lives!

Thought Of Our Passage: "Prayer Is Based On A Relationship With God, That Centers In Honoring, Advancing, And Doing His Will."

- 1. Verse 1 We Must Pray**
- 2. Verses 2-4 How We Must Pray**
- 3. Verses 5-10 When We Must Pray**
- 4. Verses 11-13 What Happens When We Pray**

1. Verse 1 We Must Pray:

Luke 11:1 It happened

Context - Luke 10:38-42: Jesus visited Mary and Martha in Bethany.

Greater Context - Jesus is on the road to Jerusalem.

that while Jesus was praying in a certain place,

Luke's Gospel - Jesus has been referred to as "The Man Of Prayer" **10 times** in Luke records Jesus praying.

Jesus was ever dependent upon prayer:

"**Lord, teach us to pray** this disciple observed that Jesus was a "Man of Prayer"

Consider the Life/Ministry of Jesus!
as John also taught his disciples."

2. Verses 2-4 How We Must Pray:

Luke 11:2 "When you pray, Jesus did not say, "**If you pray!"**

"The Lord's Prayer"

Which is really "**The Pattern Of Prayer**" or "**The Priorities Of Prayer**"

Matthew 6:9-13 Contains Six Petitions. Luke Contains Five Petitions.

Petitions 1-3 Deal With God's Glory:

1. Honoring His name - "**Hallowed be Your name**"
2. Advancing His Kingdom - "**Your Kingdom Come**"
3. Doing His will - "**Your will be done**" (Not in Luke)

Petitions 4-6 Deal With Man's Need:

4. Provision - "**Give us our Daily bread**"

5. Forgiveness - "**Forgive our debts**"

6. Guidance & Deliverance - "**Lead us not ... deliver us "**

There Are Three Basic's In Prayer:

1. Prayer Is Based On A Relationship: say: 'Father or our Father, Father is used 275 times in the N.T. Father – relationship to God (Foundational)

Our – speaks of our relationship to others. **Galatians 4:6-7**

2. Prayer Involves Responsibilities:

1st Petition - Prayer Starts With Worship: hallowed be Your name. (Honoring His Name) hallowed – Old English word "*to set apart as holy, to treat as holy, to reverence and set apart as saintly and holy*" A word by which we get saint!

be Your name.

The term "**The Name**" God and *His nature, character, attributes, and all that He is.*

**How Do We Honor The Lord? By Trusting Him.
We Honor The Lord By Living For Him.**

**2nd Petition - Prayer Is About Advancing His Kingdom:
Your kingdom come.**

Kingdom – "*realm, a domain, sphere of God's rule, His reign*"

3rd Petition – Prayer Is About Doing His will: (Not in Luke) **Matthew 6:10**
"Your will be done" Greek literally "*Your will. Whatever you wish to happen, let it happen.*" Seeking His will, Finding it then trusting and obeying!

3. Prayer Involves Requests: That as we put God's glory first

4th Petition – Prayer Is Seeking God's Provision:

Luke 11:3 'Give us each day our daily bread.

God wants us to be dependent upon Him.

bread – is a broad term for "*all of man's physical needs.*"
Clothes, housing, transportation, and medical needs.

5th Petition – Prayer For Forgiveness: Luke 11:4 'And forgive us our sins,
against God! That we will sin in both relationships. (God and Man)

It Is A Prayer For A Forgiving Spirit: For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. This is the sins against others.

6th Petition – Prayer For God's Protection: Luke 11:4 And lead us not into temptation.'" We need to seek the Lord's daily direction.

'And do not lead us into temptation, The word **temptation** – has two meanings.

1. Temptation – *"to bring out the worse, solicitation to do evil"*

2. Temptation – *"to bring out the worth, to test or place on trial of validity of one's faith"*

Meaning: *"Don't allow us to come under the sway of temptation that will overpower us and cause us to sin"*

"It's the cry of the heart that despises and hates the potential of sin"

3. Verses 5-10 When We Must Pray:

Luke 11:5 Jesus taught us How to pray now When should we pray?

Not just a dire need, but we need to come with dependence and humility.

"Suppose one of you shall have a friend, and goes to him at midnight,

Unexpected time, not convenient!

Luke 11:6-7 my children and I are in bed;

I don't want to wake the kids up!

Luke 11:8 Notice the contrast between the friend who would not help and God who will.

The Friend Said "I Cannot Get Up And Give You Anything" –

Our heavenly Father can and is willing and always available.

The Friend Was Irritated By The Request – not an inconvenience to God.

He Was Borrowing – 'Friend, lend me three loaves;

The man would have to repay what was borrowed. We never have a tab with God.

yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs. Do we need to keep beating on God's door? (Delays are not Denials)

persistence – *"shamelessness" a bold neighbor without shame.*

He did not care if all the neighbors woke up, he was going to keep asking!

Luke 11:9 Verses 9-10 Promise In Prayer: "So I say to you, ask,

"Requesting assistance for a conscience need."

*We see our lack and ask for help! **and it will be given to you;***

seek, *"to get up and look around for help, speaks of effort," **and you shall find;***

knock, *"asking, acting plus persevering, keep knocking on the door"*

Luke 11:10 "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds;

How God wants to reveal to us the longings of our hearts.

4. Verses 11-13 What Happens When We Pray:

Verses 11-12 We Should Never Fear God's Answer To Our Prayers: "Now suppose one of you fathers The lessor to the greater

is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? The answer is, "Of Course Not!"

Luke 11:12 "Or *if* he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? The answer is, "Of Course Not!"

Verse 13 God Gives The Best To Those That Pray: Luke 11:13

Luke 11:13 (NLT) So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts

"If you then, being evil,

That a person at their best is still a sinner.

know how to give good gifts to your children,

Sinner is capable of giving good

give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

God gives the best possible gift

What Happens When We Pray?

to those who ask Him?" Delays Are Not His Denials!

Application:

1. Prayer Starts With A Relationship With God. Prayer Is An Essential Part Of Our Spiritual Life.
2. True Prayer Is Centered In God's Priorities, Honoring His Name, Advancing His Kingdom, And Doing His Will.
3. God Wants Us To Persistently Come To Him, Because God Hears And Will Give The Best To Those Who Seek Him.