

Luke 11:1-13 NKJV

The Model Prayer

1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”

2 So He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as *it is* in heaven.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,

For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.”

A Friend Comes at Midnight

5 And He said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; **6** for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; **7** and he will answer from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you’? **8** I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking

9 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. **11** If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? **12** Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? **13** If you then, being evil, 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!”

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Daily Bread

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(verses 2-4 NKJV)

Intro: Jesus was a man of prayer

1. Prayer is asking God to be the core of our lives. (v. 2-4)
2. Prayer is to be persistent – (verses 5-10)
3. Pray knowing God loves you – (verses 11-13)

Small Group & Personal Study: 24/7 Discipleship Series **Our Daily Prayer Life**

Memory Verse: John 16:24

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive and your joy will be complete.

The Discipline of Memorizing Scripture: This week to help you memorize John 16:24, first writing it out on a small card that you can carry with you. Then say it out loud as you read it two or three times. Next, break it into two phrases and try saying the first one out loud by memory before learning the second. Try adding the next phrase after you memorized the first phrase. Then review it regularly. Carry the card with you and regularly quote it, by memory or by reading it until you have it planted in your heart and in your mind.

Now that you have started to memorize the verse, meditate on the meaning and application for your life. One way to do this is to write out the verse in a paraphrase and then list what truth you discovered from the passage. Ask yourself, “what is it telling you about God? What is it telling you about you? What should you do because of this verse?”

Daily Reading:

Day 1 – Jeremiah 29:11-13

Day 2 – Matthew 6:5-8

Day 3 – Matthew 6:9-15

Day 4 – Matthew 6:16-18

Day 5 – Luke 11:1-4

Day 6 – Luke 11:5-8

Day 7 – Luke 11:9-13

Lesson:

Can you imagine what your relationship with your spouse would be like if you got up in the morning, got ready for work, ate breakfast and didn't say anything to your wife/husband? Then you stayed busy all day long at work, never calling or speaking to her/him throughout the day. When you finally got home, you immediately turned on the TV, ate dinner alone and went to bed without saying a word. If this went on day after day what would happen to your relationship? If you are newlyweds and barely even knew each other how deep would your relationship likely grow? Most of us wouldn't even consider going days, weeks, or months without talking to our spouse and yet we think nothing of that when it comes to God. Yet our relationship with Him is the most important relationship we will ever have.

A daily prayer life is essential for deepening your relationship with God and living for Christ everyday. As we talk with God we open our heart to Him and He begins to work in us and becomes a bigger part of our life and He becomes a more real and active part of our life.

Jesus taught us to how to pray and in His teaching He reveals that when we pray we should be asking for God's provision and power for that day alone. Jesus makes the obvious connection in His teaching that we should not worry about tomorrow but simply seek God today.

Starting a daily prayer life will require commitment to your relationship with Jesus. You have to desire Him more than anything or anyone. You have to believe that without His power and intercession, your life will be fruitless. You have to understand that His love for you is so great that He is constantly pursuing a love relationship with you and that communication is essential in every relationship including the one with your Lord.

1. If you can, quote John 16:24 from memory and share with the class and what you have learned from meditating on these words of Jesus.
2. Read: Jeremiah 29:11-13, what truth do you learn about the plan God has for our relationship with Him in this passage?
3. What are the steps God calls us to, found in Jeremiah 29:12-13?
4. How does Jesus teaching on prayer found in Matthew 6 and Luke 11 teach you that your prayer life is important and meant to be a daily pursuit?
5. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Paraphrase what this verse is saying about your prayer life.

The reason so many of us struggle with prayer is because we try to make it something it is not. It is not a ceremony. It is not hard. It is not just for the Pastors and Elders. Prayer is talking with God