

Sermon Guide

Luke 11:1-13



► In Luke 11:1-13, Jesus teaches the disciples to pray in response to the disciples' request, "Lord, teach us to pray." How do you usually pray? Do you have a set time? A set place? Or are you more spontaneous when you pray?

► What do you use to prepare for prayer? A psalm? A devotional guide? A hymn?

► Describe a time when you experienced an answer to prayer. What happened? How did it affect your prayer life?

Read [Luke 11:1-13](#)

1. In Jesus' model prayer (vv. 2-4), what two concerns related to God come first? Why? What personal concerns then follow?
2. How do prayer and forgiveness relate?
3. What does the parable in vv. 5-8 teach about prayer? How do verses 9-10 relate to the parable? What attitude is implied in verses 9-10? How do verses 11-13 clarify the intent of verses 9-10?
4. What is the most valuable gift God can give (v. 13)?

GROW



► What grade would you give yourself on prayer? How would you like to improve your prayer life?

► What concerns occupy most of your time in prayer? Praise? Confession? Petition? Why? In which area do you want to grow?

► How will you make time to seek His face in prayer this week?

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• Professor Darrell L. Bock states: "Jesus wants his disciples to pray as a group, using a 'you all' to make the point ('you pray' in v. 2 is plural). This is a prayer the entire community shares and prays as a body." Jesus recognized the power and value of corporate prayer. Recite the Lord's prayer or another corporate prayer together as a group. Following this, listen to the song "[When We Pray](#)" by Tauren Wells.