

“Lord, Teach Us To Pray”



Luke 11:1



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Revolutionize Your Prayer Life

One time Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his followers said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his followers." (Luke 11:1)

Introduction: How would you describe the prayer life of Jesus? Jesus' ministry was successful because He had an exemplary prayer life. We can learn a lot from the prayers of Jesus. Our text is one of two of Jesus' most popular prayers. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. The Power of Prayer (Matthew 6:5-8)

- A. Is it a sin to NOT pray to the Lord (I Samuel 12:23)? What about the wrong motives?
- B. Is it a sin to repeat your prayer or parts of your prayer (John 17:1-26)?
- C. What happens if we pray but doubt the power of God?

II. The Passion of Prayer (Matthew 6:9)

- A. How can we become more passionate about prayer?
- B. What hinders us from praying more?

III. The Person of Prayer (Matthew 6:9)

- A. What does the word "Abba" mean in the Hebrew tongue (Romans 8:15)?
- B. Why did Jesus want us to think of God in such an intimate way?

IV. The Purpose of Prayer (Matthew 6:10)

- A. What confidence can we have in prayer (I John 5:14)?
- B. How does the Holy Spirit help God's will to be done (Romans 8:26-27)?

V. The Provision of Prayer (Matthew 6:11)

- A. How does God supply our needs (Philippians 4:19)?
- B. Why is it that we don't receive what we need (James 4:2)?

VI. The Pardon of Prayer (Matthew 6:12)

- A. Who determines whether or not you are forgiven by God? Why?
- B. When does God draw near to us (James 4:8)?

VII. The Protection of Prayer (Matthew 6:13)

- A. What role does Satan play in our temptation (I Peter 5:8-9)? What about us?
- B. What can we learn from I Corinthians 10:13 and James 5:16?

VIII. The Praise of Prayer (Matthew 6:13)

- A. Who really deserves the most praise in our prayers?
- B. What are we missing if we only focus on our own needs when we pray?

Conclusion: Jesus was pure and perfect. One of the most valuable things about His walk with God was His prayer life. We need to learn more about Jesus and try to become more like Him.



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Reject a Theatrical Prayer Life

One time Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his followers said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his followers." (Luke 11:1)

Introduction: The Pharisees were guilty of doing things for the praise of men. This section of the Sermon on the Mount deals with the abuse of common religious practices like giving (**Matthew 6:1-4**), praying (**Matthew 6:5-15**), and fasting (**Matthew 6:16-18**). Clearly it had become a spectacle in the streets. The Jews (hypocrites/actors) used these "shows" as a proof of superior piety and righteousness above the quiet and reserved followers of God. Jesus doesn't condemn the deeds, or rebuke the expectation of reward, but He censures the demonstrations in the streets. Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. The Abuse of Prayer (Matthew 6:5)

- A. How did the Pharisees "love" to pray?
- B. What title is perfect for such action?
- C. What does Jesus say about their reward?
- D. Who is the only One to judge such hypocrisy?
- E. How can your actions affect your reward?

II. The Attitude of Prayer (Matthew 6:6-8)

- A. What are the benefits of praying in secret?
- B. How can praying in public encourage hypocrisy?
- C. Why should we pray at all if the Father already knows the content?
- D. Is it difficult to follow this teaching of Jesus? Explain.
- E. What kind of prayer pleases God? Why

III. The Action of Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

- A. Why did Jesus give us this pattern for prayer? Was it meant to be a repetitive prayer?
- B. What is the content of this prayer?
- C. Will we receive blessings in this life based on our prayers?
- D. Will we receive blessings in the next life based on our prayers?
- E. How can we know punishment and rewards are based on our praying?

IV. The Application of Prayer (Matthew 6:14-15)

- A. How can prayer help us with our self-centeredness?
- B. Why does Jesus reiterate the point about forgiving others?
- C. If we do not forgive others, what is our fate?
- D. If we judge others, what is our fate?
- E. What has Jesus taught us about forgiveness, mercy, and grace?

Conclusion: When we approach our holy God, and lift up His sacred and hallowed name, we must remember that He is our Heavenly Father. He views us as His sons and daughters. As the children of God we must learn to walk in our Father's footsteps. Jesus has clearly left us a pattern to follow. Do not neglect to pray. God wants to have communication with us!



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Revive Your Simple Christian Devotion

One time Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his followers said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his followers." (Luke 11:1)

Introduction: Jesus often spent hours in prayer. The apostles watched him and then said, "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus is about to offer an invitation to the heart of God. We will see what He says here in Luke 11 and compare it to other things Jesus said about prayer throughout His ministry. We need to make sure that as we study His words we remove all of our fears about prayer. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Prayer Should Be Simple

- A. Prayer is not idle babbling, vain jangling, or useless wrangling (**Mathew 6:7**).
- B. Prayer is something even a child can understand (**II Kings 5**).
- C. Prayer is not always a public thing (**Daniel 6:10**).
- D. Prayer was important to Jesus (**Matthew 6:5-8**).
- E. How can you simplify your prayer life?

II. Prayer Is Often Hindered = 7 Things That Hinder Our Prayer Life

- #1 = Lack of Faith (**Matthew 6:8, James 5:16**)
- #2 = Indifference (**I Samuel 12:23, I Thessalonians 5:17**)
- #3 = Priorities (**Matthew 6:33, Matthew 7:7**)
- #4 = Time Management (**Nehemiah 2:4, Matthew 28:45**)
- #5 = Distractions (**Matthew 6:19, John 17**)
- #6 = Selfishness (**Matthew 6:5, Matthew 6:7**)
- #7 = Difficulty (**Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 18:1-8**)

III. Prayer 101 = Back To The Basics

- A. God wants to hear from you (**Matthew 6:9, James 4:2**).
- B. God wants to answer your prayers (**I John 3:22, John 17**)
- C. What else can we learn from this part of the prayer of Jesus?

Conclusion: As we go through this series we are going to talk about our relationship to our Father, the Lord's church, our daily needs, forgiveness and sin. I hope this series will help us to become even closer to God in our Christian walk. I pray that we will all learn how to become even more spiritual in this world of darkness. God wants us to have a simple Christian devotion. Are you ready to start walking with God? Do you need to be revived today? Can we pray with you and for you? Let Him revive you, again!!!



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Renew Your Personal Relationship With God

One time Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his followers said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his followers." (Luke 11:1)

Introduction: The heart of our prayer life depends upon our personal relationship to God (Luke 11:2). Before talking to God we need recognize Him. What do you think about when you pray? We cannot pray effective prayers until we recognize Him! People have struggled with this concept for centuries. Paul reminds us that we have a Mediator (II Timothy 2:5) and the Hebrew writer reminds us that Jesus is also our High Priest. Jesus, of course, brings our prayers up to our heavenly Father. What else can we learn? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. We Need To Know God

- A. God is a personal God (Hosea 6:6).
- B. God is a loving God (Deuteronomy 7:9).
- C. God is a powerful God (Psalm 126:1-3).
- D. God is an approachable God (Romans 8:14-16).
- E. What else do we need to know about God?

II. We Need To Honor God

- A. God wants us to honor His name (Exodus 20:7).
- B. God wants us to honor His work (Matthew 28:18-20).
- C. God wants us to honor His position (II Corinthians 12:3-4).
- D. God wants us to honor His will (James 4:13-15).
- E. What else do we do to honor God?

III. Prayer 101 = Back To The Basics

- A. There needs to be balance in our prayer life.
 - Matthew 6:9, I Peter 1:15, Hebrews 4:16, Hebrews 10:31
- B. There needs to be consistency in our prayer life.
 - I Thessalonians 5:17, Matthew 6:7-9, Luke 5:16

Conclusion: As we go through this series we are going to study how to keep in perspective the Lord's will for His church, our daily needs, forgiveness and sin. I hope this series will help us to become even closer to God in our Christian walk. I pray that we will all learn how to become even more spiritual in this world of darkness. God wants us to renew our spiritual walk with Him. It's time to get reacquainted with your Father. Are you ready to start walking with God? Do you need to be renewed? Let Him renew you today!!!



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Restore Your Vision of the Lord's Church

One time Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his followers said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his followers." (Luke 11:1)

Introduction: We have talked about the need to revere God and respect God's holy name but we also need to understand His kingdom. In today's lesson we are going to consider God's vision for His kingdom (**Luke 11:2**). What is His vision? Let's study together

Discussion:

I. Everything Belongs To God

- A. The world belongs to God (**Genesis 1:1, Psalm 148**).
- B. The things of the world belong to God (**I Chronicles 29:14-16, Isaiah 63**).
- C. The church belongs to God (**Matthew 16:18-19, Matthew 19:14**).
- D. The vision of the church comes from God (**Ephesians 3:11, Matthew 6:10**).
- E. Why is it important for us to remember that everything belongs to God?

II. Everyone Should Follow God

- A. The heavens are higher than the earth.
Isaiah 55:9, John 14:1-4, I Peter 2:11, Ephesians 2:11-22
- B. God's ways are higher than our ways.
Isaiah 55:9, Exodus 33:13, Deuteronomy 8:6, Psalm 119
- C. God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts.
Isaiah 55:8-9, Philippians 4:8, II Corinthians 11:3
- D. God's will is higher than our will.
Matthew 26:42, James 4:15, Ephesians 5:17
- E. Why do you choose to follow God?

III. Prayer 101 = Back To The Basics

- A. Pray for the pattern of the Lord's church.
Luke 11:2, Matthew 6:10, John 4:21-24, Acts 2:42
- B. Pray for the people in the Lord's church.
II Timothy 1:3, I Thessalonians 3:10, I Timothy 5:5, James 5:16

Conclusion: Obviously, the kingdom of heaven has come because we are part of the church. However, we also need to pray for Jesus to return and receive His kingdom. As we go through the next few lessons of this series we are going to study about praying for our daily needs, forgiveness, and sin. Are you following God's pattern? Do you need to be restored? Come to Jesus!!!



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Recall Your Daily Needs

One time Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his followers said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his followers." (Luke 11:1)

Introduction: We have talked about the need to revere God, respect God's holy name, and restore vision for His kingdom. In today's lesson we are going to consider why it is important to trust Him to provide for our daily needs (**Luke 11:3**). Let's study together

Discussion:

I. God Will Provide Our Needs

- A. God provided for His people in the Old Testament.
- **Genesis 1-2, Genesis 22, Exodus 16, Jonah 1-4**
- B. God provided for His people in the New Testament.
- **Luke 1, John 18-20, Acts 2, Acts 9**
- C. God provides for His people today.
- **Matthew 6:25-32, Matthew 6:33-34, Matthew 7:7-8, John 14:13-14**
- D. God wants to provide for us every day.
- **Deuteronomy 6:11, Deuteronomy 11:13-15, James 5:17, Psalm 65:9, Luke 11:3, James 4:2, I Timothy 5:8, I Thessalonians 3:7-10, Titus 3:14**
- E. What else can we learn about God's provision?

II. God Will Supply Our Blessings

- A. God proves He is real with His blessings (**Acts 14:17**).
- B. God proves He is good with His blessings (**I Timothy 6:17**).
- C. God proves He is loving with His blessings (**Matthew 6:25-32**).
- D. God proves He is awesome with His blessings (**Psalm 103:1-5, Psalm 145**).
- E. What are some of the blessings you have received from God?

III. Prayer 101 = Back To The Basics

- A. Praying for daily needs will keep us humble.
- **Luke 14:11, James 4:10, I Peter 5:6-7, Proverbs 30:8**
- B. Praying for daily needs will remind us that God will never let us down.
- **Matthew 28:20, Romans 8:28-31, Hebrews 13:5**

Conclusion: God hopes that we will learn to rely on Him for everything we need. It's time to let our Father fulfill His role in our family. Are you ready to let go of worry or burdens? Do you need to be more trusting? Have you decided to let God have complete control of your life? Will you submit to Him? Will you give Him power over your daily life?



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Reflect Your Father's Forgiving Nature

One time Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his followers said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his followers." (Luke 11:1)

Introduction: One of many things we need to pray about is forgiveness. We need to pray for our own forgiveness, but also our desire to forgive others (**Luke 11:4**). Jesus gives us the challenge of becoming more forgiving like our Heavenly Father. Let's study together

Discussion:

I. We Need Forgiveness

- A. God does not encourage trespassing (**Matthew 6:12, Romans 5:15-20**).
- B. God demands payment for our debt of sin (**Luke 7:39, Romans 6:10**).
- C. God has the ability to do what must be done (**I Corinthians 6:20, 7:23, John 3:16**).
- D. God has a desire to save every human being (**II Peter 3:9, Acts 2:38, I John 1:9**).
- E. God can forgive all of our sins (**Romans 12:1-2, Acts 5:31**).
- F. How can forgiveness bring us peace?

II. We Need To Forgive Others

- A. Forgiveness is easier to receive than to give.
 - **Jeremiah 31:34, Hebrews 8:12, Hebrews 10:17**
- B. Forgiveness is unnatural, unfair, and illogical.
 - **Luke 17:1-4, Matthew 18:22**
- C. Forgiveness breaks down barriers.
 - **Genesis 50:14-21, Matthew 6:14-15**
- D. Forgiveness is a sign of God's presence in our life.
 - **Deuteronomy 32:35, Micah 7:18-19**
- E. Forgiveness can be a powerful weapon for making peace.
 - **Matthew 5:9, Colossians 3:12-13**
- F. Why else do we need to forgive others? What about forgiving ourselves?

III. Prayer 101 = Back To The Basics

- A. Keep the right attitude.
 - **Matthew 5:44, Luke 6:27, Luke 6:35, Luke 23:34**
- B. Keep the right perspective.
 - **Matthew 6:12, Luke 11:4, James 4:8**

Conclusion: We need to reflect the Father in this world. It's time to get forgiveness and give forgiveness. Are you ready to walk with God? Are you ready to look like Your Father?



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Resist Your Sinful Desires

One time Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his followers said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his followers." (Luke 11:1)

Introduction: As we have studied this series we have considered our relationship to God, our desire to keep His name holy and reverent, the Lord's will for His church, our daily needs, and the power of forgiveness. In this lesson we are going to talk about avoiding evil and trusting God to deliver us from temptation (**Luke 11:4**). Let's study together

Discussion:

I. We Need Protection

- A. Satan's presence is real.
 - **Isaiah 14:1-23, Ezekiel 28:11-19, Revelation 12:4-9, Genesis 3:4-14,**
- B. Satan's tactics are cruel.
 - **Matthew 25:41, II Peter 2:4, Revelation 9:1-11, I Corinthians 10:1-6**
- C. Satan's attack is quick.
 - **Matthew 6:13, I Peter 5:8-9, I John 2:16, II Corinthians 11:14**
- D. Satan's advances can be routed.
 - **I Corinthians 10:13, Matthew 4:1-11, James 5:16, I Thessalonians 5:17**
- E. Satan's work must be taken seriously.
 - **James 1:13-14, Jeremiah 17:9, Romans 3:23, I Corinthians 10:12-13, I John 4:4**
- F. Why must we remember that God protects us?

II. We Need Providential Assistance

- A. God can protect us (**John 17:15, James 1:2-12, Psalm 20:1, Psalm 59:1**).
- B. God can lead us (**Matthew 6:13, Matthew 4:1, Genesis 22, Psalm 51**).
- C. God can strengthen us (**I Timothy 4:7, James 5:11, Philippians 4:13, Isaiah 40:31**).
- D. God can awaken us (**James 1:2-4, Matthew 5:1-12, Luke 4:13, John 6:37, Luke 15:20**).
- E. God can deliver us (**II Corinthians 1:10, Galatians 1:4, Daniel 3:17, II Peter 3:9**).
- F. What else can we learn from God's work?

III. Prayer 101 = Back To The Basics

- A. Pride cannot help our prayers.
 - **Proverbs 16:18, I John 2:16, Proverbs 3:34, James 4:6**
- B. Selfishness cannot help our prayers.
 - **Matthew 6:13, I Timothy 2:1, James 5:16, Matthew 26:36-42**

Conclusion: I hope this series has helped you to become closer to God in your Christian walk. God wants us to resist evil and our sinful desires. He hopes that we will trust Him to deliver us from temptation. Are you ready to commune with God? Do you need to be encouraged? Let God lift you up today!!!



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Respect the Mission of Jesus

One time Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his followers said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his followers." (Luke 11:1)

Introduction: The prayer of Jesus in **John 17** is truly the Lord's Prayer. In the first part of this prayer, as we will examine today, He prays for His own. This prayer is the first as High Priest, the Intercessor for God's people. These first few verses tell us about the mission of Jesus (**John 17:1-5**). Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. THE PURPOSE OF JESUS' MISSION (John 17:1)

- A. To give His life - "*The hour is come*" . . .
- B. To give His sacrifice - suffering, death, burial, resurrection . . .
- C. To glorify His Father – sometime you need to read how many times this phrase appears

II. THE POWER OF JESUS' MISSION (John 17:2)

- A. Power unlimited - "*Over all flesh*" . . .
- B. Power unhindered - "*Give eternal life*" . . .
- C. Power unmatched - "*To as many as you have given*" . . .

III. THE PROCLAMATION OF JESUS' MISSION (John 17:3)

- A. The message - "*This is life eternal*" . . .
- B. The motive - to know the Lord "*The only true God*" . . .
- C. The means - anyway by which someone may know "*the Father and the Son*" . . .

IV. THE PROVIDENCE OF JESUS' MISSION (John 17:4)

- A. He revealed God to men - "*I have glorified You on the earth*" . . .
- B. He redeemed mankind - "*I have finished*" . . .
- C. He reconciled men to God - "*The work which You have given Me to do*" . . .

V. THE PETITION OF JESUS' MISSION (John 17:5)

- A. Glorification - "*Glorify Me*" . . .
- B. Magnification - "*Together with Yourself*" . . .
- C. Exaltation - "*With the glory which I had with You before the world was*" . . .

Conclusion: This is not a prayer for Deity, but that His Deity would be revealed. Through the work of Christ, eternal life is provided. Through the Word, eternal life is proclaimed. Through us, eternal life is performed. All we have to do is except Jesus, believe in Him, repent, confess, and be baptized. Are you ready to prove to Jesus that His mission for you was not in vain?



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Remember the Disciples of Jesus

One time Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his followers said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his followers." (Luke 11:1)

Introduction: In the first part of this prayer, He prayed for His mission. In the second part of this prayer, as we will examine today, He prays for His disciples (**John 17:6-19**). This prayer is the first as High Priest, the Intercessor for God's people. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. THE MANIFESTATION TO JESUS' DISCIPLES (John 17:6-8)

- A. The Lord's name was made manifest by the life of Jesus (v.6).
- B. The Lord's name was made manifest by the works of Jesus (v.7).
- C. The Lord's name was made manifest by the words of Jesus (v.8).
- D. The Lord's name was made manifest by the spirit of Jesus (v.8).

II. THE DISTINCTION OF JESUS' DISCIPLES (John 17:9-11)

- A. Disciples are distinct because they belong to God (v.9).
- B. Disciples are distinct because they belong to Christ (v.10).
- C. Disciples are distinct because they have God's Spirit (v.11).

III. THE INTEGRATION OF JESUS' DISCIPLES (John 17:12-13)

- A. The Lord integrates His disciples into the world by giving them His presence (v.12).
- B. The Lord integrates His disciples into the world by giving them His name (v.12).
- C. The Lord integrates His disciples into the world by giving them His joy (v.13).

IV. THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS' DISCIPLES (John 17:14-16)

- A. Disciples are hated because they were given God's word (v.14).
- B. Disciples are hated because they were at war with Satan (v.15).
- C. Disciples are hated because they were not of this world (v.16).

V. THE SANCTIFICATION OF JESUS' DISCIPLES (John 17:17-19)

- A. God's Word has the power to sanctify (v.17).
- B. God's calling has the power to sanctify (v.18).
- C. God's Son has the power to sanctify (v.19).

Conclusion: Jesus was sincerely concerned about the welfare of His disciples. He does not want His disciples to fail or be neglected in any way. These verses must have given great comfort to His disciples. Are you ready to be a true disciple of Christ?



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Reveal the Kingdom of Jesus

One time Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his followers said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his followers." (Luke 11:1)

Introduction: In the first part of this prayer, He prayed for His mission. In the second part of this prayer, He prayed for His disciples. This week we will be studying the last part of His prayer in which He prays for His church (**John 17:20-26**). This is a culmination of the latter two parts of the prayer, which we have already studied. This prayer is the first as High Priest, the Intercessor for God's people. Let's study together...

Discussion:

- I. JESUS PRAYED THAT HIS CHURCH WOULD BE BELIEVERS (John 17:20)***
 - A. Christian believers believe in the word of the disciples.
 - B. Christian believers believe in the word of God.
- II. JESUS PRAYED THAT HIS CHURCH WOULD BE UNITED (John 17:21)***
 - A. A united church is one with God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit.
 - B. A united church is one with each other.
- III. JESUS PRAYED THAT HIS CHURCH WOULD BE GLORIFIED (John 17:22)***
 - A. We are given the glory by Jesus Christ.
 - B. We are given the glory for a reason (to let our light shine).
- IV. JESUS PRAYED THAT HIS CHURCH WOULD BE PERFECT (John 17:23)***
 - A. The church is made perfect by its unity (with the Godhead).
 - B. The church is made perfect by its love.
- V. JESUS PRAYED THAT HIS CHURCH WOULD BE SAVED (John 17:24)***
 - A. Jesus wants His church to have eternal life.
 - B. Jesus wants His church to have understanding.
- VI. JESUS PRAYED THAT HIS CHURCH WOULD BE KNOWLEDGEABLE (John 17:25)***
 - A. Jesus wants His church to know the Godhead.
 - B. Jesus wants His church to know His message.
- VII. JESUS PRAYED THAT HIS CHURCH WOULD BE LOVING (John 17:26)***
 - A. The church should love to proclaim His message.
 - B. The church should love the Lord and each other.

Conclusion: Jesus was concerned about His mission, His disciples, and His church. The mission was about to be concluded and the disciples were about to die. The church is now the only means by which others can know about Jesus. Are you ready to become a part of the Lord's church? Will you pray like Jesus?



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Research the Prayers of the Bible (Part 1)

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Discussion:

Abijah's army - for victory in battle (**II Chronicles 13:14**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Abraham - for a son (**Genesis 15:2**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Abraham - for Ishmael (**Genesis 17:18**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Abraham - for Sodom (**Genesis 18:23-24**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Abraham - for Abimelech (**Genesis 20:17**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Abraham's servant - for guidance (**Genesis 24:12, 14**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Anonymous psalmist - for confidence, faith, and trust (**Psalms 33**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Anonymous psalmist - for God's presence (**Psalms 102**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Anonymous psalmist - for forgiveness (**Psalms 130**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Asa - for victory (**II Chronicles 14:11**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Conclusion: The Bible is full of prayers: individuals and groups. If we want to learn how to pray we need to study these prayers. Do you need prayer? Will you pray more?



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Discussion:

Cain - for mercy (**Genesis 4:13-14**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Centurion - for his servant (**Matthew 8:5-6**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Christian disciples - for boldness (**Acts 4:29-30**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Christians - for Peter's release from prison (**Acts 12:5**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Cornelius - for enlightenment (**Acts 10:3-4**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Daniel - for dream interpretation (**Daniel 2:17-18**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Daniel - for the Jews (**Daniel 9:3-5**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

David - for direction (**I Samuel 23:10-13**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

David - for blessing (**II Samuel 7:18**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

David - for mercy (**Psalms 6**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

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Research the Prayers of the Bible (Part 3)

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Discussion:

David - for forgiveness (**Psalm 25**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

David - for discipline and vengeance upon the enemy (**Psalm 38**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

David - for repentance (**Psalm 51**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

David - for deliverance (**Psalm 143**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Elijah - for drought and rain (**James 5:17-18, I Kings 18:41-46**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Elijah - raising the widow's son from the dead (**I Kings 17:20-22**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Elijah - for death (**I Kings 19:4**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Elisha - for sight and blindness (**II Kings 6:17-18**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Ezra - confession for the sins of Israel (**Ezra 9:6**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Gideon - for proof of God's call (**Judges 6:36**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

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Research the Prayers of the Bible (Part 4)

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Discussion:

Habakkuk - for justice (**Habakkuk 1:2-4**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Habakkuk - for revival and deliverance (**Habakkuk 3:2**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Hannah - for a son (**I Samuel 10:11**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Hezekiah - for deliverance (**II Kings 19:15-19**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Hezekiah - for health (**II Kings 20:3**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Holy Spirit - for us when we don't know how to pray (**Romans 8:26**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Isaac - for children (**Genesis 25:21**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Israelites - for deliverance (**Exodus 2:23**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Jabez - for prosperity (**I Chronicles 4:10**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Jacob - wrestled with God for blessing (**Genesis 32:24-28**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

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Research the Prayers of the Bible (Part 5)

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Discussion:

Jacob - deliverance from Esau (**Genesis 32:11**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Jehoahaz - for favor from the enemy (**II Kings 13:4**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Jehoshaphat - for deliverance (**II Chronicles 18:31**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Jeremiah - intercession on behalf of the people (**Jeremiah 42:2**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Jeremiah - for mercy (**Jeremiah 14:7**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Jesus - The Lord's Prayer (**Matthew 6:9-13**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Jesus - revelation to children (**Matthew 11:25**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Jesus - at the tomb of Lazarus (**John 11:41-42**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Jesus - for the church (**John 17:1-26**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Jesus - for deliverance from the cross (**Matthew 26:39**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

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Research the Prayers of the Bible (Part 6)

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Discussion:

Jesus - forgiveness for His killers (**Luke 23:34**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Jesus - submission to God's plan (**Luke 23:46**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Jews through Ezra - for safe journey (**Ezra 8:21**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Job - confession of surrender to God's sovereignty (**Job 42:1-6**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Jonah - for deliverance from the fish (**Jonah 2:1-9**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Joshua - for help and mercy (**Joshua 7:6-9**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Leper - for healing (**Matthew 8:2**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Manasseh - for deliverance (**II Chronicles 33:12-13**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Manoah - for guidance (**Judges 13:8**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Moses - for Pharaoh (**Exodus 8:8-9**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

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Research the Prayers of the Bible (Part 7)

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Discussion:

Moses - for water (**Exodus 15:24-25**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Moses - forgiveness for the sin of Israel (**Exodus 32:31-32**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Moses - for Miriam (**Numbers 12:11-13**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Moses - to see the Promised Land (**Deuteronomy 3:23-25**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Moses - for a successor (**Numbers 27:15-17**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Nehemiah - for the Jews to return to their land (**Nehemiah 1:4-11**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Paul - for repentance of his sins (**Acts 9:11-12**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Paul - for healing of Publius' father (**Acts 28:8**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Paul - for the Ephesians (**Ephesians 3:14-21**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Paul - for deliverance from his thorn (**II Corinthians 12:8**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

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Research the Prayers of the Bible (Part 8)

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Discussion:

People of Judah - for a covenant (**II Chronicles 15:12**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Peter - for raising Dorcas from the dead (**Acts 9:40**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Rebekah - for wisdom (**Genesis 25:22-23**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Samson - for water (**Judges 15:18**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Samson - for strength (**Judges 16:28**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Samuel - for Israel (**I Samuel 7:5-6**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Solomon - for wisdom (**I Kings 3:6-9**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Tax-collector - mercy (**Luke 18:13**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Thief on the cross - for salvation (**Luke 23:42**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

Zacharias - for a son (**Luke 1:13**)

What can we learn from this prayer?

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Review Your Spiritual Walk With God

One time Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his followers said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his followers." (Luke 11:1)

Introduction: As we conclude this series on prayer, we need to challenge ourselves to take a spiritual inventory. What will happen if we neglect our prayer life? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. What Do You Believe About Prayer?

- A. How do you feel about prayer?
- B. How often do you pray? Why?

II. Why Do You Believe in Prayer?

- A. Why should we pray as an individual?
 1. Who was the first person that instructed us to pray in the NT?
Jesus - **Matthew 6:5-15, Luke 11:1-4**
 2. To whom should we pray to when we offer a prayer?
God - **Luke 16:27, James 1:6-7**
 3. In whose name should we offer our prayer?
Jesus - **John 14:13, Romans 1:8, Colossians 3:17**
 4. When we pray who is our intercessor?
Holy Spirit - **Romans 8:26-27**
 3. When we pray who is our mediator?
Jesus - **I Timothy 2:5, Hebrews**
- B. Why should we pray as a church?
 1. What passages in the NT tell us that the church needs to pray in the assembly?
Acts 2:42, I Thessalonians 5:17, I Timothy 2:1-2, James 5:16
 2. When we pray publicly should we think about what we are going to say?
I Corinthians 14:15
 3. What kind of attitude should we have in our prayers?
Luke 18:9-17
 4. What passages tell us that we should pray in faith, believing we will receive?
Matthew 21:22, Mark 11:24-25, James 1:6-7
 5. As Christians should we ask for whatever we need or want?
Matthew 7:7-11, I John 5:14
- C. What specific issues concern us about prayer?
 1. Where should we pray?
Private – **Matthew 6:4-6**
Public – **Acts 4:24-31**
Every place – **I Timothy 2:8**

2. What should we pray for?
 - Pray that God's will be done - **Matthew 6:10**
 - Pray for daily bread - **Matthew 6:11**
 - Pray for forgiveness - **Matthew 6:12**
 - Pray for deliverance - **Matthew 6:13**
 - Pray for relief from temptation - **Matthew 6:13**
 - Pray for laborers In God's harvest - **Matthew 9:38**
 - Pray that leaders might have wisdom - **I Timothy 2:1-2**
 - Pray for wisdom - **James 1:5-8**
 - Pray for one another - **James 5:16**
 - Pray In time of sickness - **James 5:14-15**
3. Who should lead the public prayers?
 - Men - **I Corinthians 11:4-5, 14:34-35, I Timothy 2:11-12, I Peter 3:1**
4. What about at home? Who should lead the prayers?
 - Lydia & believers in Philippi (**Acts 16:11-15**)
 - Priscilla & Aquila (**Acts 18, Romans 16:3, I Corinthians 16:19**)
 - Lois & Eunice (**II Timothy 1:5**)
5. Do you have to say "in Jesus name" at the end for it to be heard?
 - No – By tradition we say it after our prayers (all Christians pray IN Christ).
6. What if you fall asleep during the prayer, does God hear it?
 - I personally believe that God still hears our prayers.
7. Do you have to speak the prayer aloud for it to be heard?
 - Not at all, in my opinion.
8. How often should we pray?
 - Romans 12:12, Colossians 1:3-9, I Thessalonians 3:10, 5:17**

III. What Else Must You Learn About This Subject?

- A. We should pray more often.
- B. We can pray anywhere and about anything.
- C. God simply wants to communicate with His children.
- D. How can you improve your prayer life?

Conclusion: I have enjoyed studying and presenting this series of lessons. I hope that this lesson, and future lessons, will help you develop a strong faith. Keep studying the Bible, and learn to defend what you believe! We need to learn more about prayer. May God bless you and your walk with God!