



Lesson One: Intro – Lord, Teach Us to Pray Luke 11:1-13

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11 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” **2** And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread,

4 and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

5 And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, **6** for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; **7** and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? **8** I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. **9** And I tell 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 the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. **11** What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; **12** or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? **13** If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Discussion Questions:

1. What is prayer? How would you explain the concept of prayer to someone who has never prayed before?
2. In what way is prayer a grace from God? Why do we sometimes treat prayer as a chore?
3. How does prayer show us the friendship of God? Do you know God as your friend? Why or why not?
4. How does prayer show us about the fatherhood of God? Do you know God as your Father? Why or why not?
5. What do the friendship and the fatherhood of God have to do with His faithfulness?
6. What does prayer have to do with faith? What does your prayer-life reveal about your faith?
7. What does the Lord's Prayer teach us about prayer? How might you incorporate the Lord's Prayer into your daily life?