

## Lord, Teach us to Pray

Scripture Reading:  
Luke 11:1-4

## What are your motives?

**Matthew 6:1-8** "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>"So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>"When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. <sup>6</sup>But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

<sup>7</sup>"And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup>So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him."

## What are you praying for?

**Matthew 6:9-15**

<sup>9</sup>"Pray, then, in this way:

'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup>'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>'Give us this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup>'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup>'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]

<sup>14</sup>For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup>But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."

## You must believe.

**Mark 11:20-26**

<sup>20</sup>As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots *up*. <sup>21</sup>Being reminded, Peter <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered." <sup>22</sup>And Jesus <sup>\*</sup>answered saying to them, "Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup>Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be *granted* him. <sup>24</sup>Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be *granted* you. <sup>25</sup>Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions. [<sup>26</sup>But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions.]"

Matthew 21:22

## You must be humble.

**Luke 18:9-14**

<sup>9</sup>And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

## You must be persistent.

**Luke 18:1-8**

Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart, <sup>2</sup>saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man. <sup>3</sup>There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.'" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge <sup>\*</sup>said; <sup>7</sup>now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"

Luke 11:5-13

## Pray

1 Corinthians 14:15  
 Pray with the spirit and the mind.  
 Ephesians 1:18  
 Pray that your heart may be enlightened  
 Ephesians 6:18  
 Pray at all times, Pray for the saints  
 Ephesians 6:19  
 Pray for those who teach  
 Philippians 1:9  
 Pray that love may abound in knowledge and  
 discernment  
 1 Thessalonians 5:17  
 Pray without ceasing  
 James 5:16  
The effective prayer of a righteous man can  
 accomplish much.

## A race

Salvation	Race	
Hear	Hear about the race	Romans 10:14
Believe	Believe that there is a prize and that if you win it will be yours.	John 20:31
Repent	Decide to run.	Luke 13:3
Confess		Romans 10:9- 10
Baptism	Enter the race	1 Peter 3:21
Walk	Run!	2 John 9