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## How Should We Pray

Luke 11:1-13

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

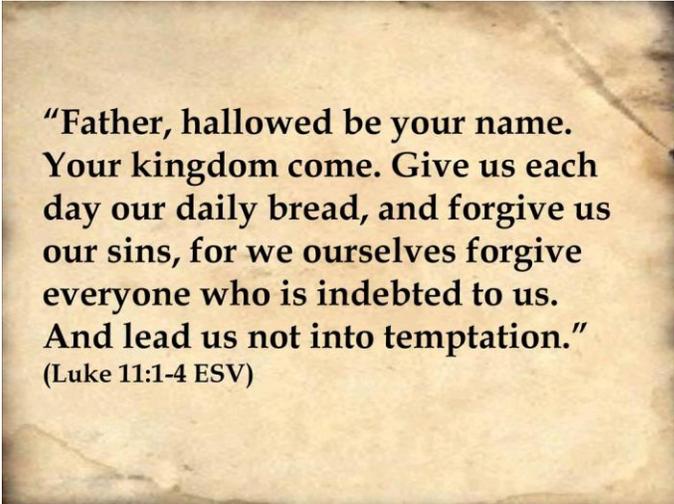
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

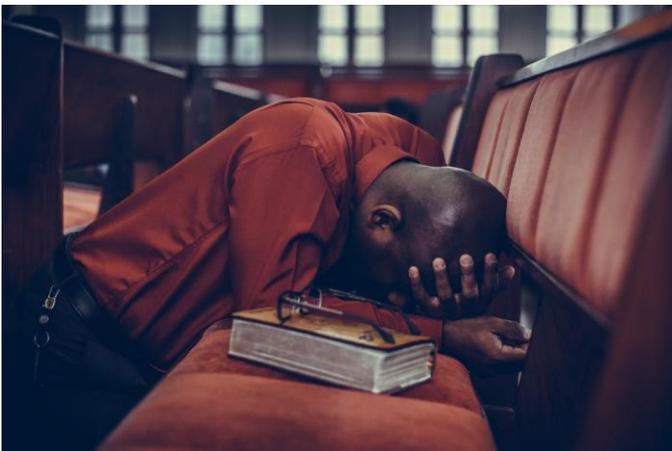
Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



**“Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come. Give us each  
day our daily bread, and forgive us  
our sins, for we ourselves forgive  
everyone who is indebted to us.  
And lead us not into temptation.”**

(Luke 11:1-4 ESV)

This week we start chapter 11 of Luke. Jesus’ disciples come to Him and ask Him how they should pray. This is a great question for all of us and we can all learn from Jesus’ answer. Jesus gives them an example of prayer that contains several key categories. He also shares a parable and an example explaining the heart behind prayer. Join us this week as we discover the power of prayer by learning how Jesus taught His disciples to pray.



## Instructions on Prayer

1 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he stopped, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” 2 So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be honored;

may your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread,

4 and forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And do not lead us into temptation.”

5 Then he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, 6 because a friend of mine has stopped here while on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him.’ 7 Then he will reply from inside, ‘Do not bother me. The door is already shut, and my children and I are in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though the man inside will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of the first man’s sheer persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 “So I tell you: Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened door will be opened. 11 What father among you, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, although you 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!”

🕉 **EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. What other areas of Scripture are directly related to this passage that might help us understand this passage better?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?



③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

14. Are there pieces to prayer that we should always include? Are there examples of prayers in Scripture that do not have these pieces? Consider Luke 10:21.

15. How do we know what is good for us to pray for? Give some examples of things we should pray for and some things we should not pray for.

16. Is there a principle that distinguishes the difference between things we should pray for and things we should not pray for?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

**Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...**

*Sermon Notes*