



Thad Huff | **HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?** | 12.14.2014

Luke 11:1–13 (NIV)

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

² 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 *Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.’ ”*

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹ “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

1) We should pray to our _____

2) We should pray _____ for the _____ and it’s

3) We should pray for _____ for ourselves and

4) We should pray that we are not _____

Additional Passages used Today

Romans 8:15–16; John 14:13–14; Philippians 2:10–11; Exodus 16:11–21;
1 John 1:9; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Galatians 6:1; Hebrews 2:18;
James 1:13–14; Luke 22:39–41a & 45–46; John 17:15–18

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DISCUSSION OUTLINE | WEEK OF 12.14.14

1. Do you remember any prayers you would recite as a child?
2. What motivates the disciples to ask about prayer at this time?
3. How do you usually pray?
4. In Jesus model of prayer (vs. 2-4),
 - a. what two concerns related to God come first? Why?
 - b. What personal concerns then follow?
5. How do prayer and forgiveness relate?
6. What aspects of prayer dominate your prayer life; Praise? Confession? Petition? ...Why?
 - a. In which area do you most want to grow?

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