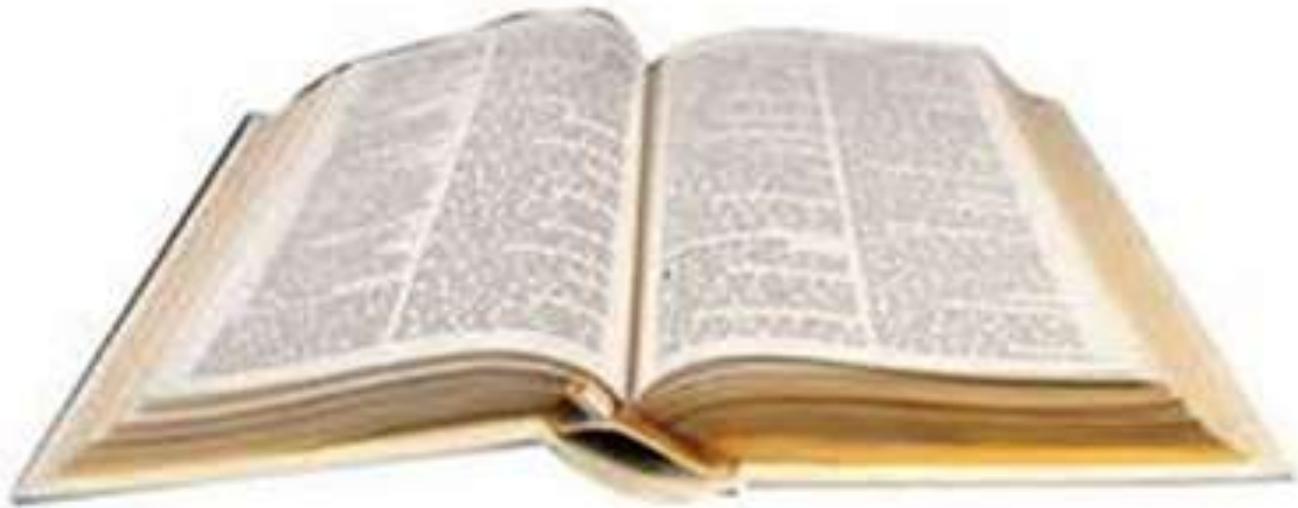


Let Us Pray

Luke 11: 1 - 13



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."

Something lacking ?

Something to aim for?

He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation."

A Special Selection

Cf. The order in the
10 commandments
And the great
commands in Luke
10:27

God first (1 to 4)
Then us (6 – 10)

GOD

- 1: Do not worship any other gods
- 2: Do not make any idols
- 3: Do not misuse the name of God
- 4: Keep the Sabbath holy

MAN

- 5: Honour your father & mother
- 6: Do not murder
- 7: Do not commit adultery
- 8: Do not steal
- 9: Do not lie
- 10: Do not covet

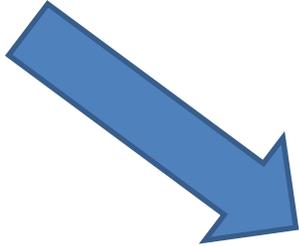
How/what vs. pray

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "This, then, is **how** you should pray:

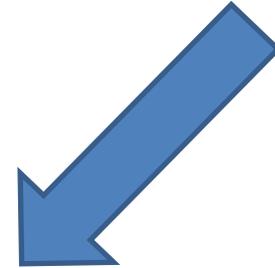
Matthew 6:5-9

Q. Why pray if God knows already ?

Our

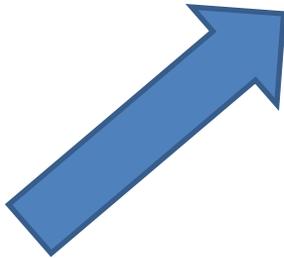


My

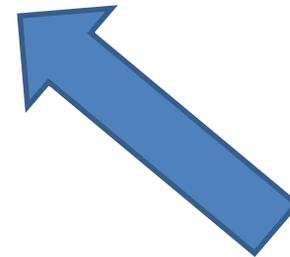


Father

In heaven



Abba



You first, Lord



hallowed be your name

your kingdom come

Our needs - Food

Give us each day our daily bread

Cf. Proverbs 30:8



Our needs - Forgiveness

**Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone
who sins against us.**

SIN



Q. Which comes first – forgiven or forgive ?

Our needs - Protection

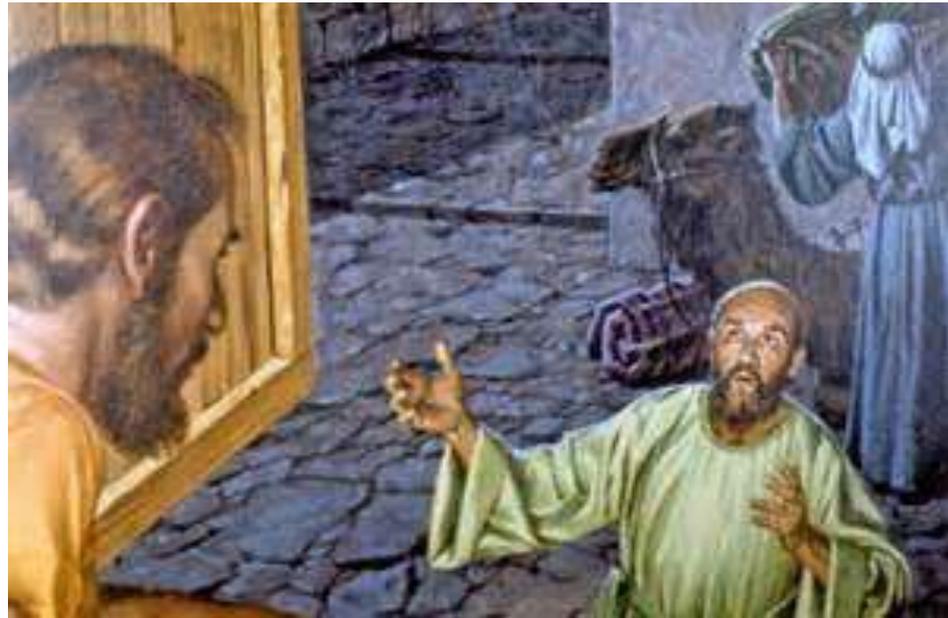
And lead us not into temptation.



An illustration

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; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.'

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.' 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.

Application 1

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. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.



**A stark contrast !
God doesn't need to be badgered!**

But Persevere

Application 2

Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 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!



God is good and gives good gifts

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