

Space for God

How To Pray



PREPARATION

- In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit •
Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:3

WORSHIP

And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him.

And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for. 1 John 5:14-15

CONFESSION

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience.

And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure. 1 Corinthians 10:13

MEDITATION – Luke 11:1-13*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." Jesus said, "This is how you should pray:

"Father, may your name be kept holy.
May your Kingdom come soon.
Give us each day the food we need,
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And don't let us yield to temptation."

Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: "Suppose you went to a friend's house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, 'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.' And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, 'Don't bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can't help you.' But I tell you this—though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.

"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks,

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God's healing and renewal.

finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

"You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

ANCHORING PRAYER

Lord, teach me to pray.

REVIEW OF THE HEART

What do I most often ask, seek, and knock for in prayer?

What could I be more persistent about in prayer these days?

WISDOM

First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name. Proverbs 30:8-9

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. James 1:5

Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? Romans 8:32

The Lord's Prayer "is truly the summary of the whole gospel."
—Tertullian (160-225 A.D.), "De orat".

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

BENEDICTION

**Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon.
Give us each day the food we need, and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And don't let us yield to temptation.**

• Amen •

Luke 11:2b-4

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and guidance.

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.