

Learning to Pray

Luke 11:1-4

Outline of Luke 11:1-4

- Jesus' Habit Of Prayer (11:1)
 - The Model Prayer (11:2-4)
 - One address (11:2a)
 - Two petitions related to God (11:2b)
 - Three petitions related to us (11:3-4)
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Central Idea of Luke 11:1-4

Following the example of Christ, disciples must root their lives in prayer, learning how to pray from Him.

Next Steps from Luke 11:1-4

- Will you ask God to create in you a deeper and greater desire to pray in 2022?
 - Will you pursue greater consistency in your prayer life by _____?
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Discussion Questions

- Do you make New Year's resolutions? If so, do any of them relate to your spiritual life? What might be an achievable New Year's resolution related to your prayer life?
- Who do you know that has a consistent and admirable prayer life?
- When you pray, how do you address God? Or, how do you think of God in prayer?
- Which of the five petitions that we discussed in the "the Lord's Prayer" was most interesting and compelling for you?
- How have you seen God answer your prayers in the past month?
- How does prayer reflect a spirit of dependence upon God?
- What practices or habits have been most helpful for you in your personal prayer life?
- How can we help one another in our aspiration to be rooted in prayer?
- Do you think it would be helpful to pray "the Lord's Prayer" on a regular basis? If so, how might you envision this practice being done?
- Name at least one specific thing you will do in order to become more rooted in prayer this week.

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Praying with Luke 11:2-4

“Father”

- Thank the Father for adopting us into His family
 - Thank the Father for hearing our every prayer
 - Thank the Father for the love and mercy He shows us as His children
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“Hallowed be Your name”

- Ask the Father to help us recognize His complete and utter holiness
 - Ask the Father to show Himself as holy in the world
 - Ask the Father to help us lead a holy life in recognition of His holiness
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“Your kingdom come”

- Ask the Father to come set the world right
 - Ask the Father to come and fully establish His just rule on the Earth
 - Ask the Father to help us live in light of the coming Kingdom
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“Give us each day our daily bread”

- Ask the Father to provide for our day-to-day needs
 - Ask the Father to provide for the daily needs of Christians around the world
 - Ask the Father to increase our trust in Him knowing that He understands our most basic needs
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“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive...”

- Acknowledge before the Father that we are a sinful people and we live in need of a Savior
 - Ask the Father to forgive us for the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone
 - Ask the Father to help us forgive those who have sinned against us
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“And lead us not into temptation”

- Acknowledge before the Father that without His help we would run headlong into sin
- Ask the Father to keep us from yielding to the temptations of this world
- Ask the Father to protect us through the spiritual battle that rages on