

Luke 11:1-13

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### The Lord's Prayer

**11** He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

<sup>2</sup> So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father,<sup>[a]</sup> may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."<sup>[d]</sup>

### Perseverance in Prayer

**5** And 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, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'

<sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

**9** "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. **10** For everyone who asks

receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for<sup>[e]</sup> a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit<sup>[f]</sup> to those who ask him!"

## Footnotes

- a. 11.2 Other ancient authorities read *Our Father in heaven*
- b. 11.2 A few ancient authorities read *Your Holy Spirit come upon us and cleanse us*. Other ancient authorities add *Your will be done, on earth as in heaven*
- c. 11.3 Or *our bread for tomorrow*
- d. 11.4 Or *us into temptation*. Other ancient authorities add *but rescue us from the evil one (or from evil)*
- e. 11.11 Other ancient authorities add *bread, will give a stone? Or if your child asks for*
- f. 11.13 Other ancient authorities read *the Father give the Holy Spirit from heaven*

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