

# “Lord, Teach Us To Pray”

Lesson Text: **Luke 11:1-4.**

## I. Jesus Teaches Us A Pattern For Prayer.

- **Luke 11:2-4.**
- Prayer Is Directed To The Father. (**Vs. 2**). **Matthew 6:6.**
  - Through The Son- **John 16:23.**
- Prayer Shows The Upmost Respect & Reverence (**Vs. 2**). **Psalm 111:9 (ASV; KJB).**
- Prayer Seeks God’s Will (**Vs. 2**). **Luke 22:41-42.**
- Prayer Depends Upon God Daily (**Vs. 3**).
- Prayer Includes Forgiveness (**Vs. 4**). **Acts 8:22.**
- Prayer Seeks Spiritual Strength & Divine Help (**Vs. 4**).

## II. Jesus Teaches Us The Right Spirit Of Prayer: Humility.

- Jesus Gave The Example Of Two Men- **Luke 18:9-14.**
- Acceptable prayer is not about:
  - Eloquent words, Impressive Speeches, Or Public Recognition.
- God is looking for:
  - Humility, Sincerity, Brokenness, & Honesty.
  - **Psalm 51:17; 1 Peter 5:5.**

## III. Jesus Teaches Us Persistence In Prayer.

- **Luke 11:5-10.**
- **Luke 18:1-8.** Why We Sometimes Faint- **Mark 11:24.**
- **1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NET; NIV; RSV); Ephesians 6:18.**

## IV. Jesus Teaches Us Not To Pray As The Heathen Do.

- **Matthew 6:7.**
- The Heathen Believed They Would Be Heard Because Of:
  - Endless Repetition, Many Words, Rituals, Chants, & Empty Ceremonies.
- Jesus said:  
“For your Father knows what things you have need of, before you ask him.” **Matthew 6:8.**

## V. Jesus Teaches Us Prayer By His Example.

- Jesus never asked His disciples to do something He would not do Himself- **Acts 1:1.**
- He prayed:
  - Early In The Morning — **Mark 1:35**
  - All Night — **Luke 6:12.**
  - Before Major Decisions — **Luke 6:12-13.**
  - Before Eating Meals — **Matthew 15:36; Luke 24:30-31.**
  - Before The Cross — **Matthew 26:36-39.**
  - And even while dying, On the cross He prayed: “*Father, forgive them...*”  
**Luke 23:34.**