

# THE DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

Luke 11:1-13

Prayer is the privilege given to us to enjoy intimacy with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Disciples of Jesus pray to...

- ...acknowledge their **identity** in Christ.
- ...praise the **holiness** of God.
- ...anticipate the coming **fullness** of His kingdom.
- ...trust Him to **provide** all their needs.
- ...to **confess** their sins to Him.
- ...remember His **grace** that is to be extended to others.
- ...be **guided** away from sin.

We have **bold** and **complete** access to the Father because of Jesus.

We can trust that our good Father **hears** us and gives us all that we **need** when we ask.

The greatest **answer** to prayer is the **indwelling** of the Holy Spirit.

# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Think about Jesus praying to the Father, what does this teach us about our identity in Christ, and the intimacy we have with God through prayer? What hinders you from this intimacy? How have you experienced this close connection with God recently? Luke 11:1, Mark 14:32-36, Eph. 2:18, Gal. 4:6, Rom. 8:14-17
2. Which part of the Lord's (Disciple's) Prayer is hardest for you and why? How can that specific area become more active in your daily prayers? Luke 11:2-4, Matt. 6:9-13
3. Read Luke 11:5-10. How does this "shameless boldness" encourage you to approach the throne of grace for all things? Discuss ask, seek, knock. How do you respond when your prayers seem unanswered? Share examples. Psalm 13:1-2, Heb. 4:14-16, Eph. 2:18, Rom. 5:1-2
4. Discuss the gift of the Holy Spirit that we have, how does that encourage you in your prayer life? How does the Spirit help us when we don't know how to pray? Luke 11:13, John 14:15-17, Acts 2:38, Rom. 8:26-28, 1 Thess. 5:16-19
5. What practical steps can you take this week to deepen your prayer life? Share with one another ideas to improve your prayer time, encourage one another and hold each other accountable. Matt. 6:7-8

*"The Spiritual Disciplines are intended for our good. They are meant to bring the abundance of God into our lives. It is possible, however, to turn them into another set of soul-killing laws. Law-bound Disciplines breath death." Richard Foster*



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