



## LET'S TALK "Teach Us to Pray" Luke 11:1-11

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While here on earth, Jesus himself sought communion with God through prayer. His disciples were to do likewise. He gave us a pattern to follow. For those who ask, seek, and knock, God is more than willing to answer – even more willing than friends or an earthly father, as the parables Jesus tells explain. But the Christian's prayer requests need to be in line with Jesus' model prayer.

### Introduction.

#### I. The Priority of Prayer. Luke 11:1-2

- A. At His baptism. Luke 3:21
- B. In the wilderness. Luke 5:16
- C. Overcoming Satan's temptations. Luke 4:1-13
- D. Before the appointment of the apostles. Luke 6:12
- E. His transfiguration. Luke 9:28-29
- F. Gethsemane. Matthew 26:36-46
- G. The penitent thief. Luke 23:32-34

#### II. The Pattern of Prayer. Luke 11:2-4, Matthew 6:5-14

- A. Declaration of dependence.
  - 1. A desire for holiness.
  - 2. God's ruling presence.
- B. A life in community.
  - 1. A life of forgiveness.
  - 2. Provision and protection.

#### III. Persistence in Prayer. Luke 11:5-11

- A. Unanswered prayer.
  - 1. Asking for the wrong reasons. James 4:3
  - 2. Asking in the wrong way. Mark 12:40

#### IV. The Power of Prayer. Ephesians 6:18

- A. Examples.

### Conclusion.

#### V. Jesus' Prayer for Us.

- A. On earth. John 17
- B. In heaven. Hebrews 4:14-16

**Other Resources:** Book *Prayer that Works*, Jill Briscoe. Two-message teaching series on CD or DVD "The Fatherhood of God," Jill Briscoe.