

# COMMUNICATION WITH THE CREATOR

Luke 11:1-4

*“The Principles of Prayer”*



Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.



Our theme this year is...

*GLORIFY THE CREATOR*

Last week we concluded the series about “*Our Wondrous Relationship with the Creator*” by considering...

*“The Ultimate Reason for our Wondrous Relationship with the Creator”*

- The ultimate reason for our wondrous relationship with the Creator is to represent Him properly on this earth, for His glory!

This morning we begin a new series...

## *COMMUNICATION WITH THE CREATOR*

The creation itself is a form of communication as seen in Psalm 19, declaring the glory of God:

Psa. 19:1 The heavens **declare** the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2 Day unto day **uttereth speech**, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 *There is* no speech nor language, *where* their **voice** is not heard.

The Word of God is another form of communication – God speaking to mankind.

This morning we will focus upon mankind communicating with the Creator...

*“The Principles of Prayer”*





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In what is commonly called “the Lord’s Prayer,” which correctly should be called “The Model Prayer,” Jesus gives us several principles of prayer. We begin with...

## I. THE EXAMPLE OF THE SAVIOR

Lu. 11:1b “...as he was praying...”

### A. Jesus Prayed Publicly

Luke 3:21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and **praying**, the heaven was opened,

Jn. 11:41 Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And **Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father**, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but **because of the people which stand** by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.



- Jesus prayed publicly for the feeding of the five thousand.

Luke 9:16 Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and **looking up to heaven, he blessed them**, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

- We should not be ashamed to pray publicly for our meal.

### B. Jesus Prayed Privately

Luke 5:16 And **he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.**

Luke 6:12 And it came to pass in those days, that **he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.**

Luke 9:18 And it came to pass, **as he was alone praying**, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

- Find a place to get alone and pray.

Mt. 6:6 But thou, **when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret**; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

## II. THE EXPECTATION OF THE SAVIOR

Lu. 11:2b “...When ye pray...”

### A. The Savior Expects us to Pray



Mt. 6:6 But thou, **when thou prayest**, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Job 42:10 And the LORD turned the captivity of **Job, when he prayed** for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Psa. 32:6 For this **shall every one that is godly pray** unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Psa. 142:1 [[Maschil of **David; A Prayer when he was in the cave.**]] I cried unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

Jer. 32:16 Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, **I prayed unto the LORD**, saying,

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, **when ye pray**, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

Mark 13:33 Take ye heed, **watch and pray**: for ye know not when the time is.

- The first church, closest to the teachings of the Savior, practiced prayer.

Acts 4:31 And **when they had prayed, the place was shaken** where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.



Acts 6:6 Whom they set before the apostles: and **when they had prayed**, they laid *their* hands on them.

Acts 9:40 But Peter put them all forth, and **kneeled down, and prayed**; and turning *him* to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

Acts 13:3 And **when they had fasted and prayed**, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away.

Acts 20:36 And when he had thus spoken, **he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.**

Acts 21:5 And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till *we were* out of the city: and **we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.**

## B. The Savior Encouraged us to Pray

Mt 7:7 **Ask**, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall find; **knock**, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.



Jer. 33:3 **Call unto me**, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Lu. 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that **men ought always to pray**, and not to faint;

Lu. 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and **pray always**, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

- The New Testament is a testimony that believers followed Jesus' teachings on prayer!

Rom. 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that **without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers**;

Eph. 6:18 **Praying always** with all **prayer** and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Phil. 1:4 **Always** in every **prayer** of mine for you all making request with joy,

Col 1:3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **praying always** for you,

1 Thess. 1:2 We give thanks to God **always** for you all, making mention of you in our **prayers**;

1 Thess. 5:17 **Pray without ceasing.**

2Th 1:11 Wherefore also we **pray always** for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power:



Phm. 4 I thank my God, making mention of thee **always in my prayers,**

- Why is prayer so prominently prevalent in the Scriptures?
- Prayer, practiced according to the dictates of the Word of God, is the opportunity for finite human beings to enter into holy fellowship with the eternal Creator of the universe, humbly seeking His power to move His mighty hand upon the circumstances of our temporal world.
- Prayer activates His power to enable ordinary servants to do extraordinary feats, for His glory!
- Pray without ceasing!

## Conclusion

1 Jn. 3:22 And **whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.**

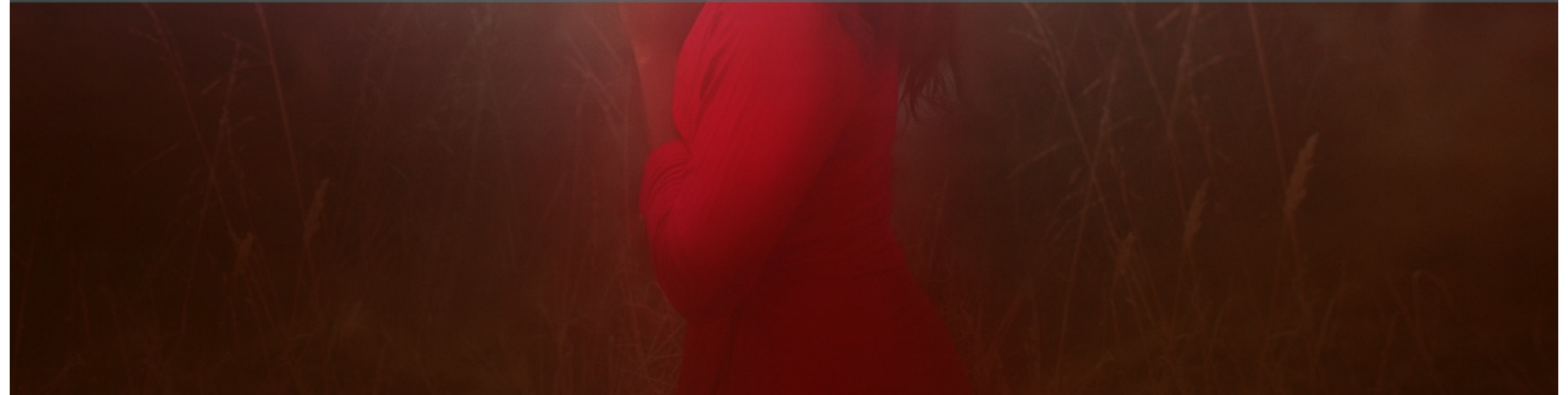
1 Jn. 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, **if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:**  
15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we **ask**, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Jn. 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall **ask** in my name, that will I do, **that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**  
14 If ye shall **ask** any thing in my name, I will do *it*.



Jn. 15:7 **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

Eph. 3:20 Now unto **him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think**, according to the power that worketh in us,  
21 **Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus** throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

A person wearing a red robe is shown from the waist up, standing in a field of tall, dry grass. Their hands are clasped together in a prayerful gesture, held near their chest. The background is a soft-focus field of similar grass, and the overall lighting is warm and natural.