

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE
Approaching God

Luke 11:1-13

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Introductory Thoughts:

1. Prayer is more than _____ about God.

Luke 5:15-16

1Thessalonians 5:16-18

2. Prayer is a _____ from a _____ Father to His children.

John 1:12-13

1Peter 3:12

Luke 11:2

Proverbs 28:9

3. In love He teaches us to pray with His _____ in mind.

Luke 11:2-4

- His _____.
- Our _____ needs.
- Our _____ needs.
- Our _____.

4. _____ in prayer reminds us of the _____ battle.

Daniel 10:12-13

FURTHER STUDY

1. When you consider the topic of prayer and in general communion with God, what passages of scripture come to mind for you?
2. Prayer isn't supposed to be complicated or intimidating. How do the following verses reinforce that prayer is simple and vital to our spiritual growth?

Matthew 6:7

Romans 8:26-27

James 5:13-16

1Thessalonians 5:16-17

- ⇒ What do these verses tell us about how God relates to us?
- ⇒ Which of these verses is most helpful with your motivation to pray?

3. We know from Scripture that it is important to be persistent in prayer (such as the parable of the persistent widow). The verses below contain prayers some people have chosen to pray regularly. Write a short summary of each prayer.

1Kings 3:5-15

1Chronicles 4:10

Colossians 4:2-6

- ⇒ How might God grow and change you if you prayed each of these prayers regularly?
- ⇒ How do you see the love and providential care of God toward you in these prayers?

4. Read the Lord's Prayer once again and the follow up comments that Jesus makes in Luke 11:1-13. Meditate together on the depth of trust that God desires from us and consider why that is so important to understand fully.