

“...Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.” So He said to them, “When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.” —LUKE 11:1-4 NKJV

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And He said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him;’ and he will answer from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you?’”

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“I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”

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“If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” —LUKE 11:5-13 NKJV

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Relationship

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

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Let us therefore come boldly
to the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy
and find grace to help in time of need.

—HEBREWS 4:13-16 NKJV

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Request

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Response

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RESPONSE

1. God is not asleep!

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RESPONSE

2. God is never resistant!

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RESPONSE

3. God is not forced by our persistence!

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“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”

—LUKE 11:9-10 NKJV

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Ask. Seek. Knock.

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Ask | Petition

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Seek | Desire

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Knock | Desperation

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“...God resists the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.”
Therefore humble yourselves under
the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you in due time,
casting all your care upon Him,
for He cares for you.
—I PETER 5:5-7 NKJV

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Do not avoid prayer!

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**Do not fear what will happen
when you pray.**

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“We must never be afraid of answered prayer in the will of God. A loving father will never give his son anything that will harm him. If a son asks for bread, he will not give him a stone. The Father knows what we need and He will give us what is right. Never be afraid to pray and never be afraid of the answer to prayer.”

—WARREN WIERSBE

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“When you can’t trace God’s hand, trust His heart.” —CHARLES SPURGEON

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Do not doubt prayer.

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Ask and it will be given. Seek and you will find.
Knock and it will be opened.

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For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. Everyone who knocks, it opens.

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1. If the request is wrong when I pray,
God says, "No."
2. If the timing is wrong, God says, "Slow."
3. If I am wrong, if there is something that needs
to be made right in me, then God says, "Grow."
4. If the request is right and the time is right and I
am right, then God says, "Go."

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