

Teach Us to Pray

An Evening of Reflection on Prayer

Prelude Music Provided by Connie Ruprich and St. Joseph Music Ministry

“Lord, I Need You” - Matt Maher

“Don’t Stop Praying” - Matthew West

“Blessings” - Laura Story

“Sacred Silence” – Tom Booth & Jenny Pixler (BB #555)

Opening Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness (BB #412) [ALL]

Opening Prayer [Fr. A.J. Gedney]

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:1-11(see back side for full text) [Fr. A.J. Gedney]

Formation Talk on Prayer [Fr. A.J. Gedney]

Closing Prayer: The Lord’s Prayer [ALL]

Blessing [Fr. A.J. Gedney]

Closing Hymn: Your Grace is Enough – Matt Maher (BB #615)

Suggestions for further reflection on Prayer:

Scriptures: 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 17:6, Psalms 145:18, Matthew 6:5-13, Matthew 7:7-11, Mark 11:24, Romans 8:26, Romans 12:12, Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, James 5:16

Books:

Thirsting for Prayer by Jacques Philippe

Walk Humbly with your God by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R.

Prayer: Our Deepest Longing by Ronald Rolheiser

When You Pray: Trust, Surrender, and the Transformation of Your Soul by Dr. Edward Sri

*Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. (1Thes 5:16-18)*

*Prayer is a gift from God. We are able to seek God in prayer
because God first desires a relationship with us (CCC 2560)*

*“Prayer is a love affair and it is prayer that gives us strength to live the Gospel. . . Prayer is
conversation with God. It does not require a thousand books. It requires a simple and tremendous love
of God and a total simplicity. I am beloved by God. He created me. This is the first idea. And he wants
to be loved by me. We have to get that into our heads. Then we proceed to tell him we love him.”
(Servant of God Catherine de Hueck Doherty)*

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Luke 11:1-11

He was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.”

He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,’ and he says in reply from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.’ I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.”

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”