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THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE
That you may have certainty!

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What's happening in this picture?



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TEACH US TO PRAY

Luke 11:1-4

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What's noteworthy
about this statement?

JESUS PRAYED OFTEN!

- ✓ Luke 3:21
- ✓ **Luke 5:16**
- ✓ Luke 6:12
- ✓ Luke 9:18
- ✓ Luke 9:28

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NOTABLE PRAYER FACTS

What does all
that tell you?

1. There are 650 prayers listed in the Bible
2. Approximately 450 recorded answers to prayer
3. Prayer was first mentioned in Genesis 4:26
4. The last recorded prayer in the Bible comes on the penultimate verse (Rev. 22:20)
5. King David, Daniel and most devout Jews, prayed three times daily as instructed by the Patriarchs:
 - ❖ Abraham – prayed in the morning
 - ❖ Isaac – introduced afternoon prayer
 - ❖ Jacob – added an evening prayer
6. Prayer was/is an integral part of being Jewish
7. The Bible records Jesus praying 25 different times

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What was unique
about Jesus'
prayers?

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Considering the facts we just discussed, what's interesting about this request?

Why were they asking Jesus to teach them to do something they already knew how to do?

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The opening address presupposes a close, intimate relationship.

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How does Jesus set the tone for prayer from the beginning?

The Greek word (*pater*) goes back to the Aramaic word *Abba*.

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God is holy and is to be approached with recognition and respect.

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Based on this statement, what should be our attitude as we approach the Father?

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"As it is in heaven," how is God's will done in heaven?

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What should our motive be in approaching God?

What's missing from Luke's version of the prayer?

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What does this request suggest about the frequency of our prayers?

What are we acknowledging with this request?

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What fact are we declaring in this second request?

By praying for forgiveness, we are simultaneously confessing that we are sinful and guilty.

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How is this assertion indicative of the sincerity of our request?

If our confession and request for forgiveness is sincere, then we will be willing to forgive others also.

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This last request is troublesome to some. Does it suggest that God sometimes tempts us to sin?

James 1:13: "No one undergoing a trial should say, "I am being tempted by God," since God is not tempted by evil, and he himself doesn't tempt anyone."

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Conscious of our own weakness, we should pray that God will guide us away from circumstances in which we are exposed to evil temptations.

FACTS PRAYER MODEL

Faith

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication



DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- Prayer is an intimate conversation with our Father that is indicative of a close personal relationship with Him.
- Prayer is extremely important to Jesus; He practiced it daily and He gave us the how to guide for approaching the Father daily in prayer ourselves.
- We should approach the Father in confidence, with an attitude of respect and humility, adoring and praising Him for who He is while simultaneously asking Him to sustain us, forgive us, and use us to further His kingdom here on earth.