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Why should we *PRAY*?

“...one of His disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." (Luke 11:1)

Luke 11:1-13

1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

2 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. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 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."

WHY SHOULD WE PRAY?

We are commanded by God to pray

Our prayers should recognize:

- 1. God's Providence**
- 2. God's Program**
- 3. God's Provision**
- 4. God's Pardon**
- 5. God's Protection**

We have communion with God when we pray

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

We consecrate ourselves to God as we pray

- ❖ **Pray with Confession**
- ❖ **Pray with Consistency**
- ❖ **Pray with Confidence (CERTAINTY)**

When we pray, it is imperative that we recognize God for Who He is and give Him Glory, Honor and Praise. Then, God will recognize our prayers and we will be the recipient of His blessings.

Look at the illustrations of prayers that Jesus gave in Luke 11:5-13.

5 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; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 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'? 8 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.

9 "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. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 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? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 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!"

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