

Teach Us to Pray

Series: 21 Days of Prayer

Bible Text: Luke 11:2–4ⁱ

Point 1. Come to God as Father

Prayer begins not with our requests but with our relationship. Jesus taught His disciples to start by addressing God as 'Our Father,' reminding us that prayer is relational, not merely religious. We approach God as His children, loved and welcomed into His presence, not as distant subjects before a cold ruler. Understanding God as a loving Father shapes our view of ourselves and deepens our trust in Him.

Reflection: When you think of God as your Father, how does it change the way you approach Him in prayer?

Point 2. Worship His Name

After recognizing God as Father, Jesus directs us to worship: 'Hallowed be Your name.' We honor God for who He is, praising His character and attributes—Jehovah Jireh (Provider), Jehovah Shalom (Peace), Jehovah Tsidkenu (Righteousness). Worship shifts our perspective, aligns our hearts, and prepares us to hear from God.

Reflection: What names or attributes of God bring you the most comfort and encouragement when you pray?

Point 3. Seek His Will

'Your kingdom come, Your will be done' reminds us that prayer is about aligning with God's purposes. Like soldiers reporting for duty, we ask God for our daily marching orders. Seeking His will may lead us into challenging situations, but it keeps our lives centered on His mission.

Reflection: What would it look like for you to fully surrender your plans to God's will today?

Point 4. Depend on Him for Daily Needs

'Give us each day our daily bread' is an invitation to trust God as our Provider. We thank Him for what we have and intercede for those in need. Our dependence on Him extends beyond physical provision to every aspect of life.

Reflection: How can you express daily gratitude for God's provision in both big and small ways?

Point 5. Walk in Forgiveness

'Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.' Prayer includes repentance and releasing others from offenses. Forgiveness is both received and given. Holding on to unforgiveness blocks our own experience of God's grace.

Reflection: Is there someone you need to forgive today so your heart can be fully open to God?

Point 6. Engage the Enemy

'Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' Prayer is spiritual warfare. We recognize the enemy's schemes and stand firm in God's strength, putting on the full armor of God to resist attacks and walk in victory.

Reflection: In what area of your life do you need to stand firm against the enemy's schemes this week?

ⁱ Luke 11:2-4 in the ESV:

2 And he said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. **3** Give us each day our daily bread, **4** and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'"