

July 17, 2022 Redeemer Christian Church Pastor Jeremy

# QUESTION

#### The disciples, what did they ask Jesus to teach them? Why did they ask this thing of Jesus, why not something else?

"And when you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they will be seen by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. <sup>6</sup>But as for you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

<sup>7</sup>"And when you are praying, do not use thoughtless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup>So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

<sup>9</sup>"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup>'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>'Give us this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup>'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup>'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.' <sup>14</sup>For if you forgive other people for their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup>But if you do not forgive other people, then your Father will not forgive your offenses.

It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>And He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>'Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>'And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation."

<sup>5</sup>And He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>because a friend of mine has come to me from a journey and I have nothing to serve him'; <sup>7</sup>and from inside he answers and says, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'<sup>8</sup>I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him anything just because he is his friend, yet because of his shamelessness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

<sup>9</sup>"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. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, it will be opened.

<sup>11</sup>Now which one of you fathers will his son ask for a fish, and instead of a fish, he will give him a snake? <sup>12</sup>Or he will even ask for an egg, and his father will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>So if you, despite 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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# How do you expect to do anything without a substantial prayer life?

## THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

Jesus prayed all the time when He was here on the earth physically. His alone time with the Father was constant. How will we fare if we don't constantly spend time in prayer, where will our knowledge, wisdom and power come from?

## ROMANS 8:26-27

Now in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; <sup>27</sup>and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

### GALATIANS 4:19

#### My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you—