



# REDEEMER

SOUTHWEST CHURCH



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Sunday, October 27, 2019  
*"Parables on Prayer"*

## *Song of Gathering*

Come Thou Fount

*Call to Worship:* Psalm 145:17-19

Leader: The Lord is righteous in all his ways

**ALL: And kind in all his works.**

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call on him,

**ALL: To all who call on him in truth.**

Leader: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;

**ALL: He also hears their cry and saves them.**

O God of Mercy, Hear Our Plea

## *Praising God & Confessing Our Sins*

*The Good News:* 1 Peter 5:6-7, 10-11

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## *Greeting*

## *Songs of Praise*

Lord, I Need You  
Pass Me Not

## *Thanking God & Praying for Others*

### *Scripture Reading & Sermon*

Luke 18:1-14 (*see insert*)

### *Songs of Response & Sending*

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul  
The Lord is My Salvation

### *Benediction*

May the LORD bless you and keep you;  
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,  
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

## *Proclamation of God's Word:* Pg 877 in Pew Bible

1 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.' " 6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? zWill he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:1-14 (ESV)

## *Discussion Questions*

1. What would you say are the main barriers to prayer in your life?
2. When you don't pray, what do you do with all your "stuff"? (Look in? Look out?). How is your heart right now?
3. Paul didn't pray for a change of circumstances for his people, but for them to know Jesus more deeply. He knew God has a greater agenda for us than we do for ourselves. Paul Miller said, "Prayer doesn't offer us a less busy life; it offers us a less busy heart." Talk about that.
4. Prayer is a movement from independence ("I got this!") to dependence upon our Heavenly Father. Jesus himself said, "I can do nothing on my own" (John 5:30). How does that idea sound to you? How is it difficult for you?
5. Where have you "lost heart" (Lk. 18:1) and quit praying? How does this parable encourage you to keep "bothering" God?
6. What are some practical steps you could take this week to grow in your prayer life?
7. Pray together!

*Sermon Series:* Parables of Grace  
*Sermon Title:* Parables on Prayer  
*Date:* October 27, 2019

*I. The Posture of Prayer*

*II. Persisting in Prayer*

*III. The Promise of Prayer*

# Announcements

**Volunteer Appreciation!!** As a huge THANK YOU to all who serve in any capacity at RSW, **please stay after TODAY's service** for a catered lunch! If you volunteer in any way, this is for you. We'll also do a few raffle giveaways and have pizza for the kids!

**Women's Bible Study:** Ladies, our Bible Study looking at Philippians meets **every other Wednesday at 6:30pm at Jean Voisard's home (185 S Terrace Dr)**. For more information contact Marissa Skipper, [marissa.skipper@icloud.com](mailto:marissa.skipper@icloud.com).

**Get Connected:** The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](https://redeemerwh.org/app)).

**Worship Playlists:** Follow our weekly set list on **Spotify** and **Apple Music** so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: [redeemerwh.org/RSWmusic](https://redeemerwh.org/RSWmusic).

## Student Ministry

Our youth group meets Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:00pm at Redeemer City Church (1410 Dundee Road) for grades 6th to 12th. Contact Michelle Gilmore if you have any questions: [michellemariegilmore@gmail.com](mailto:michellemariegilmore@gmail.com).

## Community Groups

Sunday mornings are great, but there's not much time to really get to know anyone or build relationships. Community groups are our way of doing that. They are bi-monthly informal small groups that meet in homes and are the primary way of "connecting" with others at Redeemer Southwest Church. Please contact Rodney Barton ([rodney@redeemerwinterhaven.org](mailto:rodney@redeemerwinterhaven.org)) for more info.

### Blasio Group

2nd/4th Sundays, 4pm

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### Copeland/Conway Group

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