

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

Luke 11:1 (NIV)

"Prayer is the nearest approach to God, and the highest enjoyment of Him, that we are capable of in this life."

William Law

❖ The Power of PRIVATE PRAYER:

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Matthew 6:5-8 (NIV)

1. Praying God's WORD.

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."

John 15:7 (NIV)

2. Praying God's WILL.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him."

1 John 5:14-15 (NIV)

3. Praying for God's WISDOM.

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

James 1:5 (NIV)

❖ The Power of FAMILY PRAYER:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (NIV)

1. Share the GOOD THINGS that God has done for them.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:17 (NIV)

2. Read GOD'S WORD together.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalms 119:105 (NIV)

3. Take time to PRAY TOGETHER.

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

4. End with an ENCOURAGING WORD over each other.

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

❖ The Power of PRAYING TOGETHER:

"For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NIV)

1. The POWER of TWO or MORE.

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NIV)

2. The PRESENCE in TWO or MORE.

"For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them."

Matthew 18:20 (TEV)

3. The PROMISE of TWO or MORE.

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven."

Matthew 18:19 (NIV)

❖ The Power of CONSISTENT Prayer:

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)

1. A. DURATION

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3 (NIV)

2. C.ONFESSION

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

3. T.HANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever.

Psalms 106:1 (NIV)

4. S.UPPLICATION

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

❖ Closing Challenge: I commit to make prayer a PERSONAL and FAMILY PRIORITY.

"Keep alert and pray. Otherwise temptation will overpower you. For though the spirit is willing enough, the body is weak!"

Matthew 26:41 (NLT)