



Sermon Title: God's Will

Series: 28 Days of Prayer

Passages: Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:5-13

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Christians need prayer like people need air.

We don't pray to get more from God, we pray to get more of God.

Matthew 6:9–13 (CSB)

⁹“Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy.

¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us today our daily bread.

¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:10 (CSB)

“Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Our prayers shouldn't be based on requests to receive services from God - they should be committing ourselves to a life of service to God.

Our prayers are to be continual reminders to ourselves to “get with” the kingdom program. Sadly, too many believers live for the weekends and not for Christ's kingdom.

- Stu Weber

Luke 11:5–13 (CSB)

⁵He also 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 of bread,

⁶because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I don't have anything to offer him.'

⁷Then he will answer from inside and say, 'Don't bother me! The door is already locked, and my children and I have gone to bed. I can't get up to give you anything.'

⁸I tell you, even though he won't get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his friend's shameless boldness, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you.

¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead of a fish?

¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

"Whether we like it or not, asking is the rule of the Kingdom" - Charles Spurgeon

Ask God. **Seek** Guidance. **Knock** Expectantly.

The key to **walking with Jesus** is **sitting with Jesus**.

Ask before you act.

Study Questions:

1. How does praying for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done shift the focus of prayer away from self-focused living to a commitment to serve God?
2. Drawing from Luke 11:5–13, what does the parable of the friend at midnight teach us about the attitude and persistence we should have in prayer?
3. Is it difficult for you to seek after God for wisdom before you start making decisions? Why or why not?

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