



the **lake** church  
April 16, 2023



## PRAYER THAT WORKS #1

Today's  
To-Do  
List



## **Matthew 7:7-12**

***“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”***

### **I. Avoid Prayer “Excuse-itis”**

(Luke 14:18-20; James 5:16b)

### **II. Seven Encouragements to PRAY from Jesus**

1. Jesus INVITES us to pray.

(Matthew 7:7-8)

2. Jesus Makes LAVISH PROMISES to Us If We Pray.

(Matthew 7:7-8; Matthew 7:11)

*“Ask, and [1] it will be given to you; seek, and [2] you will find; knock, and [3] it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks [4]*

*receives, and the one who seeks [5] finds, and to the one who knocks [6] it will be opened."*

Matthew 7:11 – [7] "How much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

3. The Father is Available at Different Levels

Ask. Seek. Knock.

4. EVERYONE Who Asks, Receives

(Matthew 7:8; John 1:12)

5. We Pray to Our Perfect Heavenly Father

(Matthew 7:11)

**Remember:** Everyone Who Asks Receives.

6. We Can Trust God's Goodness

(John 1:12; John 3:16; John 8:42)

7. The Cross is the Foundation of Prayer

(Matthew 20:28; Matthew 26:28; Philippians 1:6)

Consider WHO we are in Christ to God. (His Children)

### III. One Important Question

(Matthew 7:7-8)

Does this mean that everything a child of God asks for, he gets? No.

### IV. God Gives Only GOOD Things

#### **THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!**

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#### **FLOWERS**

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Pam Best in memory of her mother,

Margo O'Bryan Oakley

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#### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

**POSTPONED** until May 10<sup>th</sup>

Special Guest Loren Schall – Supreme Court Updates

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## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

Join us May 4<sup>th</sup> at noon  
to pray for our country



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