

Go to Our Good Father

Luke 11:1-13 ■ November 9, 2025 ■ Ryan Wildauer

Jesus' disciples pray _____ God's _____. (1-4)

God is _____ to provide what we _____. (5-8)

God is the _____ Gift-Giver. (9-13)

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¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴ and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

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

¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If 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!" (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: Share about a time you wanted to learn how to do something and you asked a particular person to share their knowledge or insights with you. What were some things you learned?

Read & Discuss: Luke 11:1-13

1. After being asked by His disciples to teach them how to pray, Jesus responds with what we call "The Lord's Prayer" (vv. 2-4). How would you describe Jesus' initial focus in verse 2? Why is it important to begin our prayers by focusing on God's character, holiness, and purposes (v. 2)? How does beginning with "Father" shape the way we approach prayer differently than if we only saw God as King or Judge?
2. This prayer includes requests for God's provision ("give us each day our daily bread" in verse 3) and forgiveness ("forgive us our sins" in verse 4). What do we learn from this about how we should pray? How might this model of prayer encourage someone who feels they don't know how to pray well?
3. Jesus tells a parable about a man asking his friend for bread at midnight (vv. 5-8). What does this story teach us about boldness and confidence in prayer? Why do you think Jesus uses the example of an imperfect, reluctant friend to illustrate God's willingness to answer?
4. Jesus encourages His disciples to *ask*, *seek*, and *knock* (vv. 9-10). What do these verbs communicate about the posture we should have in prayer? How does this command challenge some of the reasons or factors that keep us from going to God in prayer (such as passivity or pride)?
5. Jesus contrasts the actions of an imperfect earthly father with the perfect Heavenly Father (vv. 11-13). How is this comparison meant to shape our confidence and expectation when we come to God in prayer? Do you find this easy to believe about God? Why or why not?
6. If the Spirit is the ultimate "good thing" God gives, how should we understand the connection between what Luke here in verse 13 says the Father will give us and how Matthew frames this in Matthew 7:11? How do Romans 8:31-39 and James 4:2-4 provide more insight into how we seek good from God?

Apply: Identify one specific area where you have been hesitant to pray confidently due to doubt or low expectation. What would it look like to lift that need up before God this week, believing He delights to give even better gifts than the most generous human father or friend ever could?

Pray: Thank God for being a perfect Father who delights to give good gifts. Ask for the Spirit to deepen your trust and confidence in prayer. Pray for one another's needs and desires with trust and expectation.