



## HOW TO PRAY

If you walked with Jesus while  
He was on earth . . .

*What one question would you  
ask Him?*

Luke 11:1a (HCSB) –

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)–

### THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF PRAYER

✝ **We should seek God \_\_\_\_\_.**

Luke 11:2a (HCSB) –

Matthew 6:9a (HCSB) –

Luke 11:2b (HCSB) –

✝ **We should seek God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

Luke 11:2b (HCSB) –

Matthew 6:33 (HCSB) –

✝ **We should seek God \_\_\_\_\_.**

Luke 11:3 (HCSB) –

Psalms 24:1 (HCSB) –

Philippians 4:19 (HCSB) –

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)–

✝ **We should seek God** \_\_\_\_\_.  
Luke 11:4a (NLT) –

✝ **We should seek God** \_\_\_\_\_.  
Luke 11:4b (NLT) –

1 Corinthians 10:11-13 (HCSB) –

**THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF PRAYER**

Luke 11:5-8 (HCSB) –

*“persistence”* –

Malachi 3:6a (ESV) –

✝ **It changes** \_\_\_\_\_.  
Genesis 32:22-32 (HCSB) –

✝ **It reveals** \_\_\_\_\_.  
Luke 11:8-13 (HCSB) –

James 4:2 (HCSB) –

1 Peter 3:12 (HCSB) –

**Oswald Chambers (1874-1917):** *“Prayer does not \_\_\_\_\_ us  
for the greater \_\_\_\_\_, prayer is the \_\_\_\_\_ work.”*

Luke 11:2 (HCSB) –

Galatians 3:26 (NLT) –



## **DIGGING DEEPER: How to Pray?**

God's Word is full of wonderful prayers. Each week in your Community Group, you will discuss a prayer and its importance to us.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Read Matthew 6:5-15**

- † Jesus says to not pray like the hypocrites. What makes a public prayer hypocritical?
- † Is Jesus condemning all public prayer? Explain.
- † What is the reward that they have already received (6:5)?
- † How are we 'rewarded' for praying in private to God (6:6)?
- † What is meant by "babbling" or "heaping empty phrases in 6:7?"
- † Again, Jesus says 'do not be like them'. How can we obey this command in our prayer life?

#### **The Model Prayer**

Jesus gives an example of how we should pray. His prayer is separated into 2 parts, each with 3 statements.

- † What are the 3 statements of the first part?
- † What is the focus of this first part?
- † What are the 3 statements of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part?

- † What is the focus of this part?
- † “Our daily bread” is a phrase meaning the necessities that we need for daily living. What are the bare necessities that we need?
- † Why do we need to ask for daily forgiveness?
- † What can hinder our forgiveness (see 6:14-15)?
- † James 1:13 tells us that God does not tempt us. How can we reconcile that with vs. 13?
- † How are we delivered from evil?

### **Review**

- † Which part of the message on Sunday, January 28 and/or this study, do you struggle with the most? Why?
- † What steps are you planning to take to grow in these areas?
- † How can your group best pray for you?

### **Further Study:**

- † *Prayer: Does it make any difference?* By Philip Yancey
- † *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence