

Luke 11:1-13 (NIV)

Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

1 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."

2 He said to them, "When you pray, say:

" 'Father,[a]
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.[b]

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins
against us.[c]

And lead us not into temptation.[d]' "

5 Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, 6 because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

7 "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness[e] 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. 10 For everyone who

asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

11"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for [f] a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Footnotes:

1. Luke 11:2 Some manuscripts Our Father in heaven

2. Luke 11:2 Some manuscripts come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

3. Luke 11:4 Greek everyone who is indebted to us

4. Luke 11:4 Some manuscripts temptation but deliver us from the evil one

5. Luke 11:8 Or persistence

6. Luke 11:11 Some manuscripts for bread, will give him a stone; or if he asks for