

NORTHEAST HOUSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sermon Lord Teach Us to Pray Part 2

Topic: Four (4) Requests from God

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Scripture: Luke 11:1–5 (NKJV)

Luke 11:1–5 (NKJV) ¹ Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.” ² So He said to them, “When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. ³ Give us day by day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.” ⁵ And He said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves;

We pick backup in our series, “Lord Teach us to Pray” at verse 11 in the Saint Mathews version but now switching to Saint Luke’s version which is verse 3.

There are some differences between the Lord’s prayer in Matthew and Luke, by which it appears that it was not the design of Christ that we should be tied up to these very words, for then there would have been no variation. ¹ (MH)

If all four Gospels were the same word for word without any variations then the independence of the writers would come into question and the naysayers would claim collusion.

The “Model Prayer”, then mentions **four (4) requests we can make from God**. After Jesus has focused on God, then He says we can make requests from God. These requests are modest and even they are designed to enhance our relationship with God and man.

1. Luke Verse 3, Matt: Verse 11 Give us this day our daily bread. (Supplication)

We want more than our daily bread; we want our and others. We want enough "bread" to be set for life. Just to eat every day is not enough for us. We often do it so casually that we don't even take time to stop and thank Him for it. Listen to the news today about the starvation taking place in part of the world where food has become short.

2. Luke Verse 4a, Matt: Verse 12a And forgive us our debts (sins) (Confession), As we forgive our debtors.

(Matthew uses debts and debtors, Luke uses the word, sin. 3783 *opheilema*- 2) metaphorically, an offence, a sin) I have no translation that uses "trespasses". It is probably taken by some from v14 (see below)

When we repeat in unison the "Lords model Prayer" we hesitate at this point. Some say debts, some say trespasses. I have not found the word trespasses in any of the 8 versions I have. It came out of an old English Prayer book. The original meaning is "sin."

Luke Verse 4b, Matt: Verse 12b As we forgive our debtors.

¹ Henry, M. (1994). [*Matthew Henry’s commentary on the whole Bible: complete and unabridged in one volume*](#) (p. 1860). Peabody: Hendrickson.

As we forgive those that we believe have sinned against us.

We often ask for forgiveness, may I suggest that we be also quick to forgive others as the 15th verse warns us.

Matthew 6:14–15 (KJV 1900) ¹⁴ For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: ¹⁵ But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

3. **Luke Verse 4c, Matt: V13a Lead us not into temptation. (Supplication)**

Temptation is most of the time a product of our own doing. There are places we know we shouldn't go and situations we know we shouldn't get into but we will even plan to do it. We can never blame temptation on God.

James 1:13-14 ¹³ When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. (NIV)

4. **Luke Verse 4d, Matt: V13b Deliver us from evil. Or the evil one. (Supplication)**

Some translation say "deliver us from evil". (KJV, ESV, NAS,) But there is a consensus among scholars that the correct translating is "deliver us from the evil one". (NKJV, NIV, GNT, NET, ASV AND OTHERS)

Evil - Noun

Something that is morally bad or wrong; wickedness.

Something that causes misfortune, suffering, or difficulty.

I often say that evil is when someone does anything to hurt or harm another person, place (city, country, a possession of another including their reputation and character, that is pure evil.

God can help us avoid evil within us and the evil that is around us. His Word is what we have to fight against evil.

must be said that the 13th verse in Matthew is not recorded in all translations. Because it is not found in many of the more accepted Greek new testaments. This part of Matthew V13 is usually footnoted by the letters "NU". For that reason, I will not try to exegesis that passage.

In Luke the passage that says, "but deliver us from the evil one" is completely omitted in some versions.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Jesus closes the model with adoration again for God.

There is a lot more to spiritual growth in our prayer life. Always remember;

1. Prayer is just conversation with God
2. Good conversation includes talking and listening.
3. God knows what you needs even before you ask Him (*Matthew 6:8*)
4. God has the right to say, Yes, No, and not now.
5. Pray specifically. Specific request gets specific answers. (*Philippians 4:6*)
6. Don't forget to thank God for answered prayer. "However, God answers our prayers, we say thank you."

When:

You are burdened down pray

When you are sick and the doctors have given up, pray

You are broke and the bills still need to be paid, pray

Your child is worrying you, pray

Your job lets you go, pray

When you husband or wife is breaking you heart, pray

When all is going well with you, pray

Pray, pray, pray. Always pray, Pray constantly.

“A. S. A. P. - Always say a prayer!”

Final thoughts:

- Have a Reason to pray – Know what you want to pray for and what you are requesting, not telling, God to do.
Luke 18:1–2 (NKJV) ¹ Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, ² saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.
- Refrain from Repetition – God will hear us the first time, He is not hard of hearing.
Matthew 6:7 (NKJV) ⁷ And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.
- Remember answered prayer – It is a shame that we pray for something and God answers it and we don’t remember what we prayed for. A Prayer and Praise list will help avoid that.
- Remember who we are talking to – God is sovereign and He does not serve us, we serve Him.
“When praying, don't bother to give God instructions, just report for duty”.
- Respect His answer – God has the right to say “YES, “NO” and “NOT Yet”
- Pray specifically – Specific prayer request gets specific answers.

Message Passages: **Luke 11:1–5**, *Matthew 6:14–15, James 1:13-14, Matthew 6:8, Luke 18:1–2 Philippians 4:6, Matthew 6:7.*

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