

B. The Consequence: It Shall Be Given

1. God will answer you according to His will.

“14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”
I John 5:14-15

2. Pray for what you desire and then submit to the will of God.

“...O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”
Matthew 26:39b

V. REMEMBER THE POWER (11:11-13)

- A. Prayer is linking the impotence of your human flesh to the power of your Heavenly Father.

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3

- B. Sin is a hindrance to the power of answered prayer.

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear”
Psalm 66:18

“And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.”
I John 3:22

“He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”
Proverbs 28:13

CONNECT WITH GOD THROUGH PRAYER!

CONNECTING WITH GOD

The Lord’s Prayer

Connecting With God Through Prayer

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INTRODUCTION

- A. The Lord's Prayer is the most well-known prayer in the Bible. It's also one of the most powerful ways to connect with God

“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.” Matthew 6:9

The Lord’s Prayer is the model prayer and it consists of a prayer list.

- B. Connecting with God: The Lord’s Prayer unveils the beautiful meaning and personal application of every part of this prayer. Your life will be transformed as you discover what it truly means to be spiritually connected with God and one another.

TODAY	Connecting With God Through Prayer
May 21	The Prayer Of Praise
May 28	The Prayer Of Surrender
June 4	The Prayer Of Dependence
June 11	The Prayer Of Forgiveness
June 18	The Prayer Of Deliverance
June 25	The Prayer Of Fulfillment

- C. **Text:** Luke 11:1-13

HOW TO CONNECT WITH GOD THROUGH PRAYER

I. ESTABLISH THE PRIORITY (11:1)

A. Jesus understood the priority of prayer (v 1a)

“Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed..” Mark 1:35

If Jesus prayed, then how much more do you need to pray?

- Set a specific time to pray.
- Have a specific place to pray.

B. The disciples understood the importance of prayer (v 1b)

Think of all the questions they could have asked. Why did they ask this question? They understood the priority of prayer.

- Make Jesus the Lord of your life.

“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

- Ask Jesus to teach you how to pray.

Say, *“Lord, teach me to pray.”*

II. FOLLOW THE PATTERN (11:2-4)

P – R – A – Y in the following manner:

A. Praise and thanksgiving. (v 2a)

“Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!” Psalm 150:2

B. Repent of sin. (v 4)

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

I John 1:9

C. Ask God to meet your needs and the needs of others. (v 3)

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7

D. Yield to the will of God. (v 2b)

“And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.” Romans 6:13

The model prayer is a prayer list.

III. MAINTAIN THE PERSISTENCE (11:5-8)

A. Pray boldly. (vs 5-6)

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16

“...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” James 5:16b

B. Pray consistently. (vs 7-8)

“Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,” Luke 18:1

“pray without ceasing,” I Thessalonians 5:17

IV. CLAIM THE PROMISE (11:9-10)

A. The Command: Ask (vs 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)

The word “ask” is used 29 times in the Bible to describe prayer.

“...you do not have because you do not ask.” James 4:2c