

Lord, Teach Us To Pray (Luke 11:1-13)

Answered prayers. Partially answered prayers. Prayers that go nowhere. Questions, uncertainties, superstitions.

V1 Asking the question we all want to ask.

V2 “When you pray” not “if you pray”. The one thing needed.

A most supernatural privilege.

V2-4 The Lord’s prayer: God’s priority. His will. A model prayer for Team Jesus.

A structure we can use, but not be enslaved to.

V2 Say, Father.

V2 God centred petitions: Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

V3 Our needs: Give us each day our daily bread. V4 Forgive us our sins. Forgive others. Lead us not into temptation.

What is the Father like?

V5-10 1st parable.

The Father is not like a reluctant friend. So pray with shameless audacity.

Ask, seek, knock.

Receives, Finds, Opens.

Everyone

Our Father is good, wise and all knowing.

V11-13 2nd parable

The Father who gives only good gifts. So pray with confidence.

"We can be sure our prayers are answered precisely in the way we would want them to be answered if we knew everything God knows."

– Timothy Keller

V13 Asking and receiving the best gift of all.