

## WHY PRAY? PART 1

Luke 11:1

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### MAIN TAKEAWAY

Prayer is **communication** with our Father. It is *listening* to God and *talking* to Him. It is a divine partnership with God that invites His will into our lives. Without prayer, God's will cannot be fully realized in us. Prayer is our first calling, our daily fellowship, and our pathway to peace, protection, and purpose.

### KEY SCRIPTURES

- **Luke 11:1-4 (NKJV)**

*“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.”*

- **1 Corinthians 1:9 (KJV)**

*“God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

- **Luke 18: 1 (AMPC)**

*“Also [Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not to turn coward (faint, lose heart, and give up).”*

### WHY PRAY?

1. Jesus commanded it. (Luke 18:1)
2. Prayer is our first calling. (1 Corinthians 1:9)
3. Without prayer, God's will won't be done in our lives. (Luke 11:2)

### HOW TO PRAY AND GET ANSWERS

1. **Start with relationship – “Our Father...”**
  - a. Effective prayer starts by knowing God as your Father, having a relationship with Him.
2. **Reverence His name – “Hallowed be Your name...”**
  - a. Have a correct image of God as good, loving, and faithful.
3. **Put God's kingdom first – “Your kingdom come...”**
  - a. His kingdom has to be priority in our lives, not our agenda.

4. **Surrender your will – “Your will be done...”**
  - a. Submission and surrender will draw you closer to God and open doors for direction to walk in His will.
5. **Trust in His provision – “Give us this day our daily bread...”**
  - a. God has more than enough for you, trust Him that He will always provide for you.
6. **Walk in forgiveness – “Forgive us... as we forgive...”**
  - a. Unforgiveness blocks answers to prayer. As you receive God’s forgiveness, forgive others as well.
7. **Pray for protection – “Lead us not into temptation...”**
  - a. Prayer helps you avoid danger, temptation, and wrong decisions.

## **REFLECT & REVISIT**

Go back and read Luke 11:1-4 . Take time each day this week to meditate on Jesus' teaching about how to pray. Ask yourself:

- Is God truly my Father in the way I live and relate to Him?
- Do I treat His name with reverence and worship?
- Is His kingdom and will my priority?
- Am I trusting Him daily for provision?
- Am I living in forgiveness?
- Am I letting prayer guide me away from temptation?