

For the Week Beginning April 26, 2026

“Prayer”

✦ Luke 11:1-13

¹One 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.”

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

“Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
³Give us each day our daily bread.
⁴Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who
sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.”

⁵Then 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, ⁶because 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.’ ⁸I 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 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.

¹⁰For 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 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!”

Write down 5 significant observations. Raise 2 significant questions and try to answer them.

Observations	Interpretation (Questions)	Applications

✦ Opening Question:

- In your own words, how would you define prayer?
- When have you had to ask someone for something more than once? How did that feel?

✦ The Living Word: Please read our text for this week.

- Highlight words or phrases that stand out to you.
- Please narrate using your own words.

Verses 5-8

1. What is the situation in this story?

What problem does the man have?
Why is his request urgent?

2. Why does the friend finally get up and help?

What does “persistence” mean here?

3. What is Jesus trying to teach about prayer through this story?

Is God like the reluctant friend, or is He different? How?

4. What does this reveal about how we should approach God?

What keeps us from praying like this?

Verses 9-10

5. What three commands does Jesus give, and what promises are connected to these commands?

Verses 11-13

6. What contrast is Jesus drawing between earthly fathers and God?

7. What examples does Jesus give about earthly fathers?

What would be wrong with giving a serpent instead of a fish?

8. What is the “good gift” God gives?

✦ Living the Word/Application:

- Where in your life have you stopped asking God instead of continuing to “ask, seek, knock”?
- What would it look like for you to pray with boldness and persistence this week?
- How might your prayer life change if you believed your deepest need isn’t changed circumstances, but deeper communion with God?