

“The Greatest Answer To Prayer”

The Assurance The Father Gives The Holy Spirit To Believers

Luke 11:5-13

What is the most important prayer request you have ever made? As Aladdin discovered, making ‘wishes’ – even to an enslaved ‘genie’ – is more tricky than one first’s assumes! Today Jesus lays before us a rich and challenging theology of prayer. He challenges us to consider *why* we pray, *how* we pray, and for what *ultimate request* we pray. He invites us to adopt a radically God-centered view of prayer where the greatest gift is not merely ‘an _____ but a _____. Prayer is not merely a means, but an end!

I. Ask, seek, and knock: When you pray you are _____ to a _____! (v 5-8)

1. You have a _____ (cf. Jn. 15:13-16), you can _____ to him _____.
2. Your hands are _____ and you _____ your Friend’s _____ provision.
3. “Love is the _____ of joy in _____ gladly meeting the _____ of _____.”
4. Your Friend is not _____. He invites _____ prayers motivated by _____.

II. Ask, seek, and knock: When you pray your _____ is _____! (v 9-12)

1. Jesus reasons from the _____ to love and _____.
2. The universe is run by the _____ of _____, not by _____.
3. Verse 9 will keep you from being _____ by _____.
3. Our Father will not _____ give us _____. He insists on giving us _____.

III. Ask, seek, and knock: When you pray the _____ is yours. (v 13)

1. Our Father does not always _____ ‘the _____’ we _____.
2. But he has _____ and _____ given us his Holy Spirit as he promised.
3. “[The Holy Spirit’s] guidance and teaching ... makes known the will of God to his people through prayer and submission to the Word ... He imparts various gifts and graces to all her members that they may serve Christ. He calls and fits his servants for their work...” (RPT 2.9-12, see John 16:5-11).
4. Knock _____! Seek humbly and _____! Ask for the Holy Spirit!