

The Prayer Course Week 2
Petition – The Power of Prayer

Luke chapter 11 verses 1 to 13

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1. Adoration is not a common word today.

It means: deep love and respect.

“He adored her, worshipped the ground she walked on.”
love, devotion, care, fondness, warmth, affection,
admiration, high regard, awe, reverence, idolization,
worship, hero-worship, adulation,

In a religious sense it means: veneration.

worship, glorify, praise, revere, reverence, exalt, laud,
extol, esteem, magnify, pay homage to, pay tribute to

The Anglican Book of Common Prayer of 1662:

“Adoration is the lifting of the heart and mind to God, asking nothing but to enjoy God’s presence.”

Prayer is meant to be about enjoying God!

2. “Everybody prays. The difference when Christians pray is that they are climbing into the lap of their heavenly Father.”

Christian prayer is about intimacy and presence.

3. “Many of us wouldn’t know what to talk with God about if there were no problems in our lives!”

4. Adoration is the context for appropriate petitions (personal requests).

Are we allowed to ask God for our own needs?

“Whether we like it or not,
asking is the rule of the kingdom.”

Charles Spurgeon

Luke 11 – One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”² Jesus said to them, “When you pray, say this:

‘Father: May your holy name be honoured;
may your Kingdom come.

³ Give us day by day the food we need.

⁴ Forgive us our sins,

for we forgive everyone who does us wrong.

And do not bring us to hard testing.’”

⁵ And Jesus said to his disciples, “Suppose one of you should go to a friend's house at midnight and say,

‘Friend, let me borrow three loaves of bread.

⁶ A friend of mine who is on a trip has just come to my house, and I don't have any food for him!

⁷ And suppose your friend should answer from inside, 'Don't bother me! The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'

⁸ Well, what then? I tell you that even if he will not get up and give you the bread because you are his friend, yet he will get up and give you everything you need because you are not ashamed to keep on asking. ⁹ And so I say to you: Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.

¹⁰ For those who ask will receive, and those who seek will find, and the door will be opened to anyone who knocks. ¹¹ Would any of you who are fathers give your son a snake when he asks for fish? ¹² Or would you give him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? ¹³ As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

What are your 5 or 10 biggest requests for God?

They may be about family, friends, colleagues, personal needs or situations....about healing, success, life-partner or people coming to faith in Jesus.

Ask, "What might be God's will in these situations?"

Ask, "Are there promises in the Bible that relate to these requests?"

Write down the request and promises.

Pray short, specific, faith-sized, daily or weekly....
and keep a record of encouragements.