

Jesus on Praying in Faith
Luke 11:1-13

The disciples recognized that the power behind Jesus' miraculous life was His _____ so, they asked Him to teach them to pray. Jesus began His answer by offering a kind of model of what the content and focus of our prayers offered _____ should contain.

First, a prayer made in faith focuses on God's _____ and _____. Second, Jesus invited us to pray for our needs to be met. But He set limits on that prayer. We are to pray for our basic needs and our request is for these to be supplied _____. In other words, don't ask Him to supply you so that you no longer need to _____ by _____. Third, Jesus encouraged us to pray for forgiveness of sins. Our prayers should be full of repentance and confession. Additionally, our forgiveness of others becomes the model of forgiveness that we can _____ from God. Finally, we are to pray for the ability to avoid _____. If we were honest, I suspect the focus of our praying is almost exclusively on only the meeting of our needs, wanting Him to take walking by faith out of our lives.

Jesus continues teaching them by telling them _____ to pray: persistently. According to Luke 18:1, persistence in prayer is evidence that we haven't _____; that we know the answer is with Him, not with chance or our own _____.

Jesus, however, spends more time _____ their faith in prayer than in telling them what to pray or how to pray. They ask "how." He answers "_____" pray in faith. Because God is like a loving father who _____ to give good gifts to His children and can be _____ to do so.

God loves to give good gifts to His children. His ultimate gift is His indwelling _____ that introduces the _____ of God in our lives. When we pray for some specific things like healing or money or a restored relationship and God doesn't provide that, we cry out, "Why?" His answer is, "My child, I gave you _____ . I gave you my Spirit. And I know you _____ ."