



Sermon 1

# LORD teach us how TO PRAY

SPIRITUAL  
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CAMPAIGN

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*"One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of the disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray...'" Luke 11:1 (NIV)*

## OUR FRUSTRATIONS WITH PRAYER ARE CAUSED BY:

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- not magic
  - not a fire extinguisher
  - not a tug of war
  - not a ritual to relieve guilt

## 4 FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER

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*"The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him." Psalm 103:13 (NLT)*

*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him." 1 John 5:14-15 (NIV)*

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*A testimony: "I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live." Psalms 116:1,2 (NIV)*

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*"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they've received their reward in full. Instead, when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep babbling on and on like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."* Matthew 6:5-8 (NIV)

*"Let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith..."* Hebrews 10:22 (GNT)

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*"Call to me and I will answer you; I will tell you wonderful and marvelous things that you know nothing about."* Jeremiah 33:3 (GNT)

*"So if you, sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him?"* Matthew 7:11 (NLT)

**MEMORY VERSE:**

***"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."  
John 15:7 (NIV)***

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*"Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion."* Isaiah 30:18a (NIV)

*"I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings."* Hosea 6:6 (NLT)

**How do you get closer to God? \_\_\_\_\_**

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*"The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant."* Psalm 25:14 (ESV)

*"Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you."* James 4:8a (NLT)

**THE CLOSER I AM TO GOD**

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