

## KING FOR ALL #25

### Luke's Gospel

#### Prayer

*Luke 10:38-11:13*



#### A. SERMON POINTS

##### 1. Who do we pray to?

God is Father

God is approachable

God is willing

##### 2. What should we pray about?

God's greatness

God's Kingdom

God's provision

God's forgiveness

God's help

#### B. DISCUSSION STARTER

How do non-Christian people view prayer?

#### C. FROM THE BIBLE

1. 10:38-42. Mary and Martha were concerned about different things. What did Jesus consider the more important? Why?
2. V2. How does Jesus describe God? What does this imply? What difference does this make to the way we pray?

3. V2-4. Work through each phrase. What are we asking for?
4. V5-13. What attitude in prayer is commended in these verses? What results may such prayer expect? What reasons are we given for confidence in prayer?

**Note #1: The forgiveness of sin (v4)**

On Sundays at church we typically say the *Prayer of Confession* together, as we remember the glorious gospel truth of the forgiveness of sin.

For example:

*Almighty and most merciful God, we confess with shame that we have sinned against You and have disobeyed what we know to be Your will. We are not worthy to be called Your children. Have mercy upon us most merciful Father; forgive us our sins and cause us to live as we should, that we might serve and please You, to the honour and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

We remember that when we put our confidence in Christ, God forgives us all our sins - past, present and future. When we confess our sins as Christians, we acknowledge our sin and agree with God's verdict on sin. We admit that we are sinners and confess our sins and wrongdoing. We agree with God that our sins grieve the Holy Spirit and dishonour Christ. We thank God for his forgiveness in Christ and ask Him to help us turn from sin in the future.

After the confession, we always declare that all who trust in Christ are assured of their forgiveness.

For example:

*Our heavenly Father has promised to forgive all those who truly repent and trust in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord and Saviour. God's word declares that they have been reconciled to Him by Christ's death on the cross. In Christ, and through faith in Him, we may approach God with freedom and confidence. Christ has made peace between God and His people.*

Thus, even before the sermon, we are reminded of the gospel!

**Note #2: "Impudence" (v8) is shameless boldness.**

## D. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

1. Jesus taught his disciples how to pray. Could we teach one another about prayer? How?
2. Share with your group if you have found a helpful method of praying.
3. What does v2-4 teach about our priorities in prayer? How could you improve your prayer content?

## E. PRAYER SUGGESTION

Pray for our “**If you were God...**” evangelistic campaign that we might reach many unchurched people.

Pray for the **Men’s Camp** on the weekend of 25-27 October.

Pray for our **men’s ministry** that more men may come to know Jesus and grow in Jesus.

Pray for men who you know who are **not Christians**. Pray for opportunities to talk about the gospel and invite them to church.

