LORD TEACH US TO **PRAY**!

LUKE 11: 1-4

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

2 He said to them, “When you pray, say: “‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.’”

WHAT IS PRAYER?

- Prayer is **Communication** and **Connection** with God.
- Prayer is access to God's **Presence** and **Power**.

4 THINGS WE CAN LEARN:

1. Prayer is part of **DEVOTION** to God.

PRAYER AS PART OF **DEVOTION**

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. (Luke 5:16).

- Prayer was a regular part of Jesus' life.
- 29 verses in the New Testament speaks of Jesus praying.
- If you stop praying; you start drifting.

4 THINGS WE CAN LEARN:

1. Prayer is part of Devotion to God.
2. Prayer provides **DIRECTION** from God.

PRAYER PROVIDES **DIRECTION**

12 One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. 13 When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: (Luke 6:12-13).

- When faced with important decisions.
- Prayer gives us guidance in what to do and what NOT to do.

4 THINGS WE CAN LEARN:

1. Prayer is part of Devotion to God.
2. Prayer provides Direction from God.
3. Prayer provides **DEPENDENCE** on God.

PRAYER PROVIDES **DEPENDENCE**

"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).

- Jesus believed that prayer works.
- Prayer demands faith in God.
- We unfortunately link prayer requests and prayer answered.

4 THINGS WE CAN LEARN:

1. Prayer is part of Devotion to God.
2. Prayer provides Direction from God.
3. Prayer provides Dependence on God.
4. Prayer is source of **EMPOWERMENT** from God.

PRAYER AS SOURCE OF **EMPOWERMENT**

He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer." (Mark 9:29)

- Prayer is empowering in that we experience God's power.
- Prayer is empowering in that we experience God's peace.

APPLICATION:

Find 15 minutes each day to spend time with God.