

SUPPLICATION BEFORE THE FATHER

TEXT: (Matthew 6:11, KJV)

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

INTRODUCTION

1. "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:5-7, ESV).
2. "I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need" (Luke 11:8, NIV).
3. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16, KJV).
3. "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" (Hebrews 4:16, NIV).

I. NECESSITIES CONCERNING PRAYER

1. "After this manner therefore pray ye" (Matthew 6:9, KJV).
 - A. Recognition of Who He Is
 1. "Our Father which art in heaven" (Matthew 5:9, KJV).
 - B. Glorification of His Name
 1. "Hallowed be thy name" (Matthew 5:9, KJV).
 - C. Submission to His Will
 1. "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10, KJV).
 - D. Supplication before the Father
 1. "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19, ESV).
 2. "But I tell you this—though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence" (Luke 11:8, NLT).

II. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PRAYER

- A. History Is Made and Changed by Prayer
 1. "The LORD said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering'" (Exodus 3:7, NIV).
 2. "When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened" (Jonah 3:10, NIV).
- B. God Is Helpless without a Man
 1. "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me

in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD" (Ezekiel 22:30, NIV).

2. "[The angel] said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God" (Acts 10:4, KJV).

II. SHAMELESS AUDACITY

1. "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation" (Luke 11:2-4, NIV)
2. "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'" (Luke 11:1, NIV).

A. The Midnight Friend

1. "Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him'" (Luke 11:5-6, NIV).
2. "I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need" (Luke 11:8, NIV).

B. The Persistent Widow

1. "But finally [the unjust judge] said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'" (Luke 18:4-5, NIV).
2. "And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly" (Luke 18:7-8, NIV).

III. THE POWER OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

1. "Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt" (Exodus 32:7, NIV).
2. "Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation" (Exodus 32:7, NIV).
3. "But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. 'LORD,' he said, 'why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth"'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: "I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened" (Exodus 32:11-14, NIV).

A. Ask, Seek, Knock

1. "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened" (Luke 11:9-10, NIV).

B. The Heart of a Father

1. "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?" (Luke 11:11-12, NIV).
2. "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13, NIV).

C. Prayers Never Die

1. "Then Moses said, 'Now show me your glory'" (Exodus 33:18, NIV).
2. "'But,' he said, 'you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live'" (Exodus 33:20, NIV).
3. "Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus" (Matthew 17:3, NIV).

CONCLUSION

1. "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers" (Acts 1:14, NIV).