

*Romans 8:26-27*

*Colossians 4:2-6*

*James 5:13-16*

*John 16:24*

*I John 5:14,15*

*Philippians 4:6-7*

4. Many times we talk more about prayer (or spend more time sharing prayer requests), than we actually take time in prayer. Be prepared to spend extended time in prayer in your group. Spend time in Praise, Requesting God's Kingdom and will to be done, Asking for physical and spiritual needs, and Yielding to God to resist sin. Be sure to pray about people in your oikos and people you can invite to hear about Jesus during this Christmas season.

Prayer list:

### **Taking it Home– Honoring Christ**

If you have time, share with each other some of your highlights from your Advent readings. Also, share with each other ways to make this Christmas both merry and meaningful.

**Knowing the Truth**

**December 3, 2017**

### **“The Truth About Prayer”**

*Luke 11:1-13*

**Lord, teach us to pray:**

#### **1. There is a pattern for prayer**

*Luke 11:1-4*

*Matthew 6:9-13*

#### **Praise**

**Request** God's Kingdom to come

and His will to be done.

*I Corinthians 16:21*

*Revelation 22:20*

**Ask** for physical and spiritual needs

**Yield** to God to resist sin.

2. There are reasons for persistence and passion in prayer.

*Luke 11:5-8*

3. There is a philanthropic part to prayer.

*Luke 11:9-13*

**So what... How's your prayer life?**

**What was your take-away from Sunday?**

(A particular point, challenge, encouragement, or question)

**Getting Connected– Loving Christ**

A possible interesting question to start your group-

If you could ask Jesus a question about prayer, what would you ask Him?

**Going Further– Growing in Christ**

1. Start working on our Christmas memory passage:

*Luke 2:10-11 (NASB) “But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.’”*

This week pray for Ron and Debbie Fuqua as they share Christ, help with Bible translation, and help plant churches in Romania.

2. From the message on Sunday, which of the three main points do you need to work on the most in your prayer life and why?
3. What truths about prayer do you learn from these passages?

*Matthew 6:5*

*Matthew 6:7*

*Jeremiah 33:3*

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

*Psalms 66:18*

*I Thessalonians 5:17*

*Psalms 145:1-6*