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Ecclesiastes 3:11 - *He has planted eternity in the human heart... (NLT)*

Luke 11:1 - *Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." (NLT)*

Romans 8:26 - *We do not know what we ought to pray for... (NLT)*

**Learning #1: We struggle to pray because of our misconceptions about prayer.**

Matthew 26:39 - *My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. (NLT)*

Matthew 6:7 - *When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. (NLT)*

**Learning #2: We approach prayer as an opportunity to talk to God.**

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

Psalms 86:15 - *But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. (NIV)*

Psalms 86:1 - *Bend down, O Lord, and hear my prayer; answer me, for I need your help. (NIV)*

Matthew 26:39 - *My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine. (NLT)*

### **Learning #3: Prayer works best when our priorities line up with God's priorities.**

1 John 5:14-15 - *And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.* (NLT)

Matthew 7:9-11 - *You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! 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.* (NLT)

Jeremiah 33:2-3 - *“This is God’s Message, the God who made earth, made it livable and lasting, known everywhere as God: ‘Call to me and I will answer you. I’ll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own.’* (MSG)

Hebrews 10:22 - *Let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him.* (NLT)

### **Learning #4: God wants us to use prayer to get closer to Him.**

Isaiah 30:18 - *So the Lord must wait for you to come to him  
so he can show you his love and compassion.*

*For the Lord is a faithful God.*

*Blessed are those who wait for his help.* (NLT)

Psalms 139:7-12 - *I can never escape from your Spirit!*

*I can never get away from your presence!*

*If I go up to heaven, you are there;*

*if I go down to the grave, you are there.*

*If I ride the wings of the morning,*

*if I dwell by the farthest oceans,*

*even there your hand will guide me,*

*and your strength will support me.*

*I could ask the darkness to hide me  
and the light around me to become night—*

*but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. (NLT)*

*Ephesians 2:4-5 - But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (NLT)*

*John 15:15 - I do not call you servants any longer... Instead, I call you friends...(GNT)*