

## THE MASTER'S CLASS PRAYER

**Text: Luke 11:1-10**

### **1. Principles of Prayer (V.1-2)**

1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

2 So He said to them, "**When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven,**

- **What Jesus is saying is prayer is not about words. It's about relationship.** "*Our Father in heaven...*"
- **If you don't understand this Relationship Principle you will be reluctant to prayer.**

### **II. Persistence In Prayer V. 5-8**

5 And He said to them, "**Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? 8 I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.**

1. **Luke 18:1**, *'Then He spoke a parable to them, then men ALWAYS ought to pray and not lose heart.'*
2. **Another translation:** *"One day Jesus told his disciples another story to illustrate that they should always keep on praying and never give up."*

### **III. The Purposes For Being Persistent in Prayer**

#### **1. Persistence Praying Helps You Focus On God.**

- God wants you to remember that He alone is the source of your answer to prayer.

- **Philippians 4:19**, “And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus”.
2. **Persistent Praying Clarifies Your Request**
    - A delayed answer gives us time to clarify what we really want.
    - **Jeremiah 29:13**, “*You will seek me and find me when you seek for me with all your heart.*”
  3. **Persistent Praying Prepares You For The Answer**
    - God usually want to do more than you are praying for.
    - **Ephesians 3:20**, “*Now glory be to God who...is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of, infinitely our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.*”
  4. **Persistent Praying Strengthens Your Faith**
    - Prayer goes hand in hand with faith.
    - **Galatians 6:9**, “*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*”

### **III. Promise of Persistent Prayer (V. 9-10)**

1. “*And I tell you (or I promise you), ask, and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.*” **Verse 9**
2. “*For everyone who ask receives, and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks it shall be open.*” **Verse 10**

The text actually reads:

1. **Keep on asking** – and it will be given you.
2. **Keep on seeking** – and you will find.
3. **Keep on knocking** -and it will be open to you.