

# WHEN YOU GO TO GOD IN PRAYER – Part 1

Luke 11:1-3 (KJV)

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We all have certain relatives or friends that are considered by us to be the “go to people.” In order to help us learn how to pray our “go to” person is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. He gives us a model of prayer, not a prayer to become a repetition. He showed us the simplicity of praying with power!

## 1. ACKNOWLEDGE GOD – v. 2

a) His Fatherhood - calling to mind the relationship that we have with God as our Father in heaven. Only believers in Jesus Christ can claim God as Father in the relational sense. (Earth vs. Birth) *John 1:12; 14:6; Isaiah 30:18 Psalms 103:13*

b) His Character - This describes God’s character, Who He is in essence. Hallowed means “**holy, sanctified, reverent.**” His name sums up who He is and our attitude in approaching Him should be that of utmost respect, honor and humility. We shouldn’t rush into His presence. We should focus our attention on Who God is. *Revelations 15:4; Psalms 19.*

c) His Program - We are to recognize that God is still the Sovereign ruler over the earth and its affairs all pointing to the time in which God will finally usher in His eternal kingdom (rule government). *2 Peter 3:12-13; Revelations 22:20*

d) His Will – acknowledging God’s divine will which He wants to get accomplished down here on earth by our submissive cooperation to it. *Psalms 115:3*

- We can ask by faith for a specific thing to be done – *Luke 11:9-13*
- We should resign by faith to commit it all to God – *Matthew 26:39*

Our prayers should communicate to God that we are in cooperation and agreement with whatever He reveals His will to be for us, or if prompted we’ll be inclined to pray for that which will bring glory to Him first and for our good last.

- Something we do by choice – *Mark 3:35 "For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother." Ephesians 6:6 not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.*
- Something we can request Him to allow/negotiate – *Romans 1:10 always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.*
- Something the Spirit helps us to pray for – *Romans 8:27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*
- Something our minds can grow to understand – *Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*
- Something that is fixed and non-negotiable - *1 Thessalonians 4:13 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;*
- Something that might include suffering- *1 Peter 4:19 Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.*