



# CHRIST'S SCHOOL OF PRAYER

↳ *The Importance of Prayer*

LUKE 11:1-2A

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**Luke 11:1** Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." **2** And he said to them, "When you pray, say..." (ESV)

1. Good Praying is \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-2a)

2. Godly \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1)

3. Prayer Life \_\_\_\_\_

A.

B.

C.

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Matthew 26:40-41**. What in your experience makes thoughtful, focused, and alert praying such a challenge?
2. Read **1 Timothy 2:1** and **Philippians 4:6**. What are some of the barriers you've encountered to praying about more situations and for more people? How can you overcome these barriers?

When your prayers narrow to just a few things (due to a lack of diligence), about what do you end up regularly praying? What is the danger of having such a short prayer list and prayer time?

3. Read **1 Samuel 12:23**. There were clearly a variety of circumstances and people for which Samuel knew he *must* pray. Why do think it is hard for Christians these days to see brief, narrow, and paltry praying as a sin?
4. Read **1 Peter 4:7**. How can a persistent thought of Christ's imminent return motivate you to pray better and more comprehensively?

## This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

### May 10<sup>th</sup>

1Kgs.21-22 & Jn.3:1-21

### May 11<sup>th</sup>

2Kgs.1-3 & Jn.3:22-36

### May 12<sup>th</sup>

2Kgs.4-5 & Jn.4:1-30

### May 13<sup>th</sup>

2Kgs.6-8 & Jn.4:31-54

### May 14<sup>th</sup>

2Kgs.9-11 & Jn.5:1-24

### May 15<sup>th</sup>

2Kgs.12-14 & Jn.5:25-47

### May 16<sup>th</sup>

2Kgs.15-17 & Jn.6:1-21

### May 17<sup>th</sup>

2Kgs.18-19 & Jn.6:22-44

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website ([FocalPointMinistries.org](http://FocalPointMinistries.org)).

- Msg. 11-16 – **How to Pray and Making Sure We Do**
- Msg. 05-58 – **Three Poignant Questions About Your Prayer Life**
- Msg. 06-65 – **The Basic Attitudinal Approach to Prayer**
- Msg. 04-14 – **Making Your Communication with God Purposeful**
- Msg. 01-35 – **Making Prayer Your Daily Habit**
- Msg. 00-36 – **Prayer Warriors: Understanding the Battle**
- Msg. M14-03 – **Basic Instructions to Revitalize Your Praying**

## This Week's Social Media Hashtag

### #CompassPrays

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Bennett, Arthur. **The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers**. Banner of Truth, 1975.
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- Lockyer, Herbert. **All the Prayers of the Bible**. Zondervan Publishing House, 1959.
- MacArthur, John. **Jesus' Pattern of Prayer**. Moody Press, 1981.
- Ryken, Philip Graham. **When You Pray: Making the Lord's Prayer Your Own**. Crossway, 2000.
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