



Prayer: Location, Allocation and Action

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus came as the Son of God to demonstrate to humanity how to live in a relationship with the Father, and something He did regularly was to converse with the Father through prayer. His disciples observed it and realised it was a special activity; therefore, they also desired to understand how to pray. Of all the actions Jesus did, prayer was the one thing the disciples desired to learn

It's important to note that when you pray as Jesus did with His disciple, others become inspired. It puts you in a position to mentor other people.

You have lessons to impart to people if you follow Christ. People will inquire about how you do certain things when you are sincere and genuine in your actions.

Prayer is special because it allows us to connect with God on an intimate level. To have a relationship, there must be communication. Jesus shows us that prayer is an intimate and personal way to relate and communicate with God as a Father.



Praying is an expression of faith since one does not physically see God but rather has faith in Him. It is essential to come before God with assurance. When you recognise that He is present and capable, you increase your intensity and modify your demeanour. The Bible states in Hebrews 11:6, "For it is impossible to please God without faith; whoever comes to Him must have faith that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him with sincerity."

Prayer is an activity for those who recognise their need for God. It is a demonstration of humility, so humility is the proper attitude in approaching God. God expects humility because that is when His grace can flow freely. Have a heart of humility and learn from God. Spend time in His presence, empty yourself, and God will show you something new. It takes a special kind of humility to continuously receive revelations from God. Jesus prayed as follows in Matthew 11:25–26: "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for concealing these things from those

who consider themselves wise and cunning, and for making them known to the simple-minded. Yes, Father, you were happy to do it that way."

From our main passage in Luke 11, we can identify three aspects of prayer: LOCATION, ALLOCATION, and ACTION.

1. Location

Matthew 6:6 sheds light on the aspect of having a designated place to pray. Jesus said, "When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret."

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The spiritual location refers to our relationship with God; are we in Him or outside of Him? Due to Adam's sin, we were all born disconnected from God's presence, but Jesus' death and resurrection allowed us to reconnect. Jesus took the punishment for our sins so that we could be reconciled with God (Acts 4:12). We are only children of God through Jesus (Romans 10:9-11). Accepting Jesus as our Savior moves us from the kingdom of darkness to light. Physical changes will follow when we are born again as we adjust to our new spiritual identity.

God desires to position you in a place where you will receive blessings (see Exodus 33:1). The second location is a physical one, such as a prayer room or a particular spot. In Genesis 12:1-2, it is evident that God is concerned with location and placement. If you do not seek God's guidance before relocating, those who follow you may experience negative consequences. Therefore, never rush or take too long to move; instead, always move with God.

2. Allocation

Allocating time for God is important, but it is important to remember that He does not intrude into our time. We can pray anywhere and at any time, but it is beneficial to have a dedicated time devoted to Him. How often have we robbed God of His time? When praying, it is beneficial to take the time to grow in the experience. There is much more that God wants to give and do with us, but it requires time. We should not only be spontaneous in our prayer life or rush through our moments with Him. Intimacy takes time.

3. Action

Praying is an act of faith and something that God delights in. Don't be disheartened if it feels like you are talking to yourself; the lack of evidence is not the same as evidence of absence. God is more real than anything we can perceive since He is the one who made all that we observe. When you pray, remember that He is present, capable, and eager to hear you.

God loves to commune with us! So, rather than just praying when we are in need, we should also pray because we find joy in Him. Jesus provided the disciples with a model for prayer so that we may all take part in this exercise; the best way to learn to pray is by praying.

Reference verses:

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1 Corinthians 12:13

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Mark 11:35.

