

Northgate Sermon Notes

Series - Unlocking the Secrets of Prayer

TEXT: Luke 11:5-10

TOPIC: How to Pray for Friends, Family and other Loved Ones

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⁵And 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'; ⁶for 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.

⁹"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰"For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹"If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?"

Luke 11:5-11

I. Intercessory Prayer is _____ Prayer, Luke 11:5-6

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⁶for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him';

A. Intercessory prayer is daring in its _____ – Luke 11:5
"lend me three loaves."

B. Intercessory prayer is daring in its _____
Luke 11:8-9, "Because of his persistence (importunity) he will rise and give him as many as he needs." ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

C. Intercessory prayer is daring in its _____

Exodus 32:30–32 (NLT) ³⁰ The next day Moses said to the people, "You have committed a terrible sin, but I will go back up to the LORD on the mountain. Perhaps I will be able to obtain forgiveness for your sin." ³¹ So Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, what a terrible sin these people have committed. They have made gods of gold for themselves. ³² But now, if you will only forgive their sin—but if not, erase my name from the record you have written!"

Romans 9:1–3 (ESV) ¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.

Romans 10:1 (ESV) Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.

II. Intercessory Prayer is _____ Praying, Luke 11:5, 11-13

A. He asked specifically for three loaves – Luke 11:5

And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves,

B. What does the bread represent? – Luke 11:11-13

Luke 11:11–13 (ESV) ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

III. Intercessory Prayer is _____ Praying, Luke 11:6

For a friend of mine on his journey has come to me and I have nothing to set before him!"

- A. **Intercession is desperate praying because of our _____ responsibility, Luke 11:6** *"A friend of mine has come to me."*
- B. **Intercessory prayer is desperate praying because of our _____ resources, Luke 11:6,** *"I have nothing to set before him."*
- C. **Intercessory prayer is desperate praying because of our _____ reward, Luke 11:8,** *he will rise and give him as many as he needs.*