

The man who never gave up

Luke 11:5-10

Jesus' friends came to Him and asked Him how to pray. Jesus told them this story.....

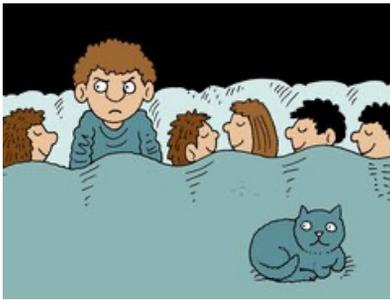
Late one night some unexpected visitors arrived at a man's house. They were tired and very hungry, after walking a long way to his town. But the man had no food for his unexpected guests.



It was about midnight when the man went to borrow some bread from his friend. He knew he would already be in bed, but the man's visitors needed something to eat.



His friend woke up when he heard the man shouting out for bread. 'Go away,' he called back, 'the house is locked and we are all in bed. Come back tomorrow.'



The man did not stop. He kept on calling to his friend. 'I need three loaves of bread for my visitors,' he yelled. 'I won't go away until you give me some.'



Eventually the man in the house could take no more. He got out of bed and went to the kitchen to give his friend the bread he needed.



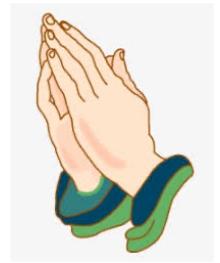
Jesus said that the man got what he needed because he never gave up and that we should be like that man when we pray.



Jesus said, 'Ask and it will be given to you. Search and you will find. If you keep on knocking then the door will open - just don't give up.'



The Lord's Prayer



Our Father in heaven

means that we are praying to our Father - who is in heaven. We start the prayer this way so that we know that we are praying to God our Father and we are not alone. God is our loving Father and we are His special children.



Hallowed be your name

means God's name is holy. Even though God wants us to call Him 'our Father', he is still God. When we pray to Him, we need to be respectful.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as in heaven.

If we think about where God lives, The Bible says that in heaven there will be no more crying, God will live with us, and there will be no hunger or hurt there.

This part of the prayer says 'let Your kingdom come., let Your will be done on earth, as in heaven'. This means we are praying that people will live in peace and love with one another , just the way it is in heaven. It reminds us that we should be living the way God wants us to live - everyday.

Give us today our daily bread

means we are asking God to give us today all that we need. We need food, water and shelter.

Even though we pray for things we need, that doesn't mean we will get them. There are still people with no food in many parts of the world but that doesn't mean we stop praying for these things. When we ask God in prayer, it means we trust Him and we will leave the decision to God.



And forgive us our sins, As we forgive those who sin against us.

This next part of the prayer is asking for forgiveness for our mistakes. Forgiveness means that we are sorry for something we've done and we don't want to do it anymore. But we also need to forgive people who have done wrong to us. Sometimes others hurt us very badly, so we need to ask God to help us forgive them because it is really hard or we don't want to. When we forgive others, God will forgive us.

Lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil,

Is it sometimes tempting to do something you're not supposed to? We are asking God to help us to know the right thing to do, always. We are asking God to protect us from evil and keep us away from it.



For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and for ever. Amen.

The last part of the prayer is the best part! For 'Yours is the kingdom' means that heaven lasts forever and will always be God's. God also has all the power and all the glory FOREVER! We are happy knowing that God will never die and he's the strongest and greatest.



The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, when they asked him how they should pray...

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Now and for ever
Amen

5 Finger Prayer

4) The ring finger is the weakest. Pray for the sick, poor, and those most in need.

5) The pinkie finger is the smallest. Pray for yourself and your own needs.

3) The middle finger is the tallest. Pray for leaders in government, business, and the church.

2) The pointer finger is used to give directions. Pray for teachers, coaches, therapists, doctors, and first responders.

1) Your thumb is closest to your heart, so pray for those closest to you - your family and friends.



Lord,
teach us
to pray.

Luke 11:1

