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¹NOW 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." ²AND HE SAID TO THEM, "WHEN YOU PRAY, SAY: 'FATHER, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME. YOUR KINGDOM COME. ³GIVE US EACH DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, ⁴AND FORGIVE US OUR SINS, FOR WE OURSELVES FORGIVE EVERYONE WHO IS INDEBTED TO US. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.'" ⁵AND 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, ⁶FOR A FRIEND OF MINE HAS ARRIVED ON A JOURNEY, AND I HAVE NOTHING TO SET BEFORE HIM;' ⁷AND HE WILL ANSWER FROM WITHIN, 'DO NOT BOTHER ME; THE DOOR IS NOW SHUT, AND MY CHILDREN ARE WITH ME IN BED. I CANNOT GET UP AND GIVE YOU ANYTHING'?

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⁸I TELL YOU, THOUGH HE WILL NOT GET UP AND GIVE HIM ANYTHING BECAUSE HE IS HIS FRIEND, YET BECAUSE OF HIS IMPUDENCE HE WILL RISE AND GIVE HIM WHATEVER HE NEEDS. ⁹AND I TELL YOU, ASK, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK, AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK, AND IT WILL BE OPENED TO YOU. ¹⁰FOR EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES, AND THE ONE WHO SEEKS FINDS, AND TO THE ONE WHO KNOCKS IT WILL BE OPENED.
—LUKE 11:1-10

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I. THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER

"LORD TEACH US..." —LUKE 11:1

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LUKE 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18; 9:28-29;
11:1; 22:32; 22:14; 23:34; 23:46

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"IT IS FASCINATING THAT THE ONLY THING THE DISCIPLES ASKED JESUS TO TEACH THEM TO DO WAS TO PRAY. THEY NEVER ASKED HIM TO TEACH THEM TO PREACH, OR HEAL, OR EVANGELIZE OR ORGANIZE. THEY HAD WATCHED HIS EVERY MOVE FOR ALMOST THREE YEARS AND KNEW THE SECRET OF HIS LIFE WAS IN THE PLACE OF PRAYER. AT TIMES HE WENT UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS AND PRAYED ALL NIGHT. OFTEN, THEY WATCHED AS HE AROSE BEFORE DAYLIGHT TO PRAY. HE PRAYED BEFORE EVERY GREAT UNDERTAKING. HE PRAYED AFTER EACH SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT. THE BUSIER HIS LIFE BECAME, THE MORE WE FIND HIM ISOLATING HIMSELF IN THE SECRET PLACE OF PRAYER. THUS, THE ONLY THING HIS FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS ASKED OF HIM WAS, 'LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY....'" —O.S. HAWKINS

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"PRAYER IS EITHER THE GREATEST INSANITY OR THE MOST WONDERFUL NEWS." —JOHN STARKE

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**“ONLY A LIFE OF PRAYER AND MEDITATION WILL RENDER
A VESSEL READY FOR THE MASTER’S USE.”
—GEORGE MUELLER**

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2. THE PRACTICES OF PRAYER

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Prayer is...
• **HONORING GOD’S POWER**

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**“IN THE BIBLE, WHEN JOB HAD EVERYTHING, HE PRAYED.
WHEN HE HAD NOTHING, HE STILL PRAYED.
PRAYER ISN’T ABOUT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCE,
IT’S ABOUT WHO GOD IS.” —BISHOP J.C. RYLE**

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Prayer is...
• LONGING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

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“PRAYER IS NOT ABOUT THE EXCHANGE OF GOODS
BUT THE REORDERING OF THE HEART.”

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“IS PRAYER YOUR STEERING WHEEL OR
YOUR SPARE TIRE?” —CORRIE TEN BOOM

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Prayer is...
• TRUSTING GOD'S PROVISION

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“IN DELIVERING GRACE WE SEE GOD’S GLORY. EVERYONE CAN SEE THE MIRACLE HE HAS WROUGHT FOR US... WE HAVE WHAT WE ASKED FOR AND WE THANK GOD FOR IT. BUT THEN WE GO BACK TO THE BUSINESS OF LIVING AND FORGET WHAT HE’S DONE BECAUSE WE AREN’T CONTINUOUSLY GOING BACK TO HIM. SUSTAINING GRACE ALSO SHOWCASES GOD’S GLORY. BUT WITH SUSTAINING GRACE PEOPLE CAN SEE WHAT GOD HAS WROUGHT IN US. WITH SUSTAINING GRACE WE MUST CONTINUALLY GO BACK TO GOD. THIS GRACE IS NOT A ONE-TIME THING, JUST AS MANNA WAS NOT A ONE-TIME EVENT. AND IT KEEPS US DEPENDENT ON GOD.”
—VANEETHA RENDALL RISNER

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Prayer is...

- SEEKING GOD’S PARDON AND PROTECTION

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Prayer is...

- WAITING ON GOD’S WISDOM

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⁵AND 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, ⁶FOR A FRIEND OF MINE HAS ARRIVED ON A JOURNEY, AND I HAVE NOTHING TO SET BEFORE HIM;’ ⁷AND HE WILL ANSWER FROM WITHIN, ‘DO NOT BOTHER ME; THE DOOR IS NOW SHUT, AND MY CHILDREN ARE WITH ME IN BED. I CANNOT GET UP AND GIVE YOU ANYTHING?’ ⁸I TELL YOU, THOUGH HE WILL NOT GET UP AND GIVE HIM ANYTHING BECAUSE HE IS HIS FRIEND, YET BECAUSE OF HIS IMPUDENCE HE WILL RISE AND GIVE HIM WHATEVER HE NEEDS. ⁹AND I TELL YOU, ASK, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK, AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK, AND IT WILL BE OPENED TO YOU. ¹⁰FOR EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES, AND THE ONE WHO SEEKS FINDS, AND TO THE ONE WHO KNOCKS IT WILL BE OPENED. —LUKE 11:5-10

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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. —LUKE 11:9

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IF THE REQUEST IS WRONG:
GOD SAYS, "NO"
IF THE TIMING IS WRONG:
GOD SAYS, "WAIT"
IF YOU ARE WRONG:
GOD SAYS, "GROW"
IF THE REQUEST IS RIGHT,
THE TIME IS RIGHT, AND
YOU ARE RIGHT, THEN
GOD SAYS, "GO"

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"PRAYER IS NOT PREPARATION FOR THE WORK,
PRAYER IS THE WORK."
—OSWALD CHAMBERS

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TO MY MOM,
JEANNE MCKINLEY—

HER EYES NEVER READ THESE WORDS AND
HER HANDS NEVER TURNED THESE PAGES, BUT
HER HEART HELPED SHAPE EVERY THOUGHT,
HER PRAYERS FOR ME HAVE BEEN REALIZED
THROUGH THIS WORK,
HER SMILE ENCOURAGED MY FAITH, AND
HER EXAMPLE ASSURED ME OF THE
SATISFACTION FOUND IN KNOWING AND
FOLLOWING JESUS CHRIST.

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**"PRAYERS ARE DEATHLESS. THEY OUTLIVE OUR LIVES
AND THOSE WHO UTTERED THEM."
—E.M. BOUNDS**

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3. THE PROMISE OF PRAYER

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**"WHAT FATHER AMONG YOU,
IF HIS SON ASKS FOR A FISH,
WILL INSTEAD OF A FISH GIVE
HIM A SERPENT; ¹²OR IF HE ASKS
FOR AN EGG, WILL GIVE HIM A
SCORPION? ¹³IF 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!"
—LUKE 11:11-13**

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**"GOD ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS NOT BECAUSE
WE ARE GOOD BUT BECAUSE HE IS GOOD."
—A.W. TOZER**

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HE WHO DID NOT SPARE HIS OWN SON BUT GAVE HIM UP
FOR US ALL, HOW WILL HE NOT ALSO WITH HIM
GRACIOUSLY GIVE US ALL THINGS? —ROMANS 8:32

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“THE TRUE SPIRIT
OF PRAYER IS NO OTHER
THAN GOD’S OWN SPIRIT
DWELLING IN THE HEARTS
OF THE SAINTS. AND AS
THIS SPIRIT COMES FROM
GOD, SO DOTH IT
NATURALLY TEND TO GOD
IN HOLY BREATHINGS AND
PANTINGS. IT NATURALLY
LEADS TO GOD,
TO CONVERSE WITH HIM
BY PRAYER.”
—JONATHAN EDWARDS

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