

07-24-22 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Prayer is not about getting what we want when we want it. Prayer is about learning to trust God; it’s about growing in relationship with God by voicing the cares of our hearts and sharing with God the joys and sorrows of our lives...Prayer is the means by which we acknowledge that God is God and we are not.”

- John Wurster



Luke 11:1-13

Questions for Reflection —

- How often do you pray the Lord’s Prayer? What would it look like for you to turn that prayer into action? How do you contribute to making God’s kin-dom values of justice, mercy, and love manifest on earth? To whom do you need to offer forgiveness and reconciliation? By what are you tempted and what do you need in order to resist what tempts you? What would it look like for us as a congregation to live the Lord’s Prayer?

- How has your prayer life changed, deepened, and/or grown over the course of your spiritual journey thus far? What is the present state of your prayer life? What practices of prayer are most meaningful for you? What would it look like for you to explore new ways of praying? How can we as a congregation grow in our prayerfulness?

- What are your deepest needs? Are you able to express those needs in prayer to God? Why or why not? What has been your experience of how God answers prayer? Have you ever received unexpected answers to your prayers? What was that like for you? What does it mean to be both patient and persistent in prayer?

Daily Household Prayer

O God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to seek them, and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.