

## 07-20-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“When we pray for the earth to be as it is in heaven or for our debts to be forgiven as we forgive, we are not reciting a line that requires nothing of us. We are committing our entire lives to God's work.”

*Jeannie Alexander*



Luke 11:1-13

### Questions for Reflection —

- What is prayer to you? How would you describe your prayer life? How has your practice of prayer changed over time? What forms do your prayers generally take? How has prayer influenced your relationship with God? What impediments to prayer have you had to face? Is there something about your prayer life that God might presently be inviting you to change?
  
- How can you make the Lord's Prayer your prayer? How would you pray the ideas of the Lord's Prayer in your own words? How might you use it as a practical outline for your own prayer experience? What would it look like to *live* the Lord's Prayer as you go about your daily activities? What other models of prayer have been meaningful or helpful for you?
  
- When you face challenges in life is prayer your first go-to or your last resort? How have you experienced prayer as asking, seeking, and knocking? What does it look like to come to God with bold, believing, and persistent prayer? What is something for which you have wanted to pray, but it seems too audacious to do so? What will enable you to pray more boldly for yourself, for others, for our world—its peoples and its environment?

### Daily Household Prayer

Christ Jesus, we come to your house this day, knocking and asking that the door may be opened. We come seeking your face and yearning for your presence in our lives. Open the door of our hearts, as you have opened the door of your church. Lift our faces, that we may see your face shining upon us. Answer our yearning, that our restive hearts may find rest in you. Amen.