

Praying for Spiritual Renewal

Musings on Getting a Fresh Touch from God

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How should we pray?

1. Pray with a _____ mindset.

(Luke 11:2-4; cf. Matthew 6:9-13)

- Pray first _____, then personally.
(Luke 11:2-4)
- Pray as _____. (Luke 11:2; cf. Matthew 6:9)
- Pray for Jesus to _____ soon.
(Luke 11:2; cf. Matthew 6:10; Philippians 2:9-11)
- Pray for the basic _____ of life.
(Luke 11:3; cf. Proverbs 30:7-9; Matthew 6:19-33)
- Pray for God's _____ in view of broken relationships. (Luke 11:4; cf. Mt. 6:12,14-15)
- Pray for victory over _____.
(Luke 11:4; cf. Matthew 6:13)

2. Pray with a reverent _____. (Luke 11:5-8)

- The Presupposition: *God is* _____
(see Luke 11:1-4; cf. Job 42:2; Psalm 33:11; Isaiah 14:24; 46:9-10; Acts 1:7)
- The Contrast: *God is* _____ (Luke 11:5-8)

If God is sovereign, why should I pray?

- 1) He's your Heavenly _____, not your worldly _____.
(cf. Jeremiah 29:11-13; Romans 8:12-30)
- 2) He values _____ over _____.
- 3) He invites you into the _____, not just the _____.
- 4) He's _____ and _____ 24/7.
(cf. Psalm 121:4)
- 5) He's interested in both _____ and _____
provision.
- 6) He gives you _____, not just His _____.

- The Application: *Pray* _____ *in view of God's* _____
(Luke 11:8; cf. Neh. 1:4-11; Psalm 5:1-2; 17:1; 27:7; 55:1; 102:1-2; 143:1; Acts 4:23-31)

3. Pray with a _____ assurance.
(Luke 11:9-13)

You can pray confidently because...

- God _____ you to approach Him _____.
(Luke 11:5-13; cf. Esther 4:11; Psalm 121:4; Hebrews 4:14-16)
- God _____ to _____ you. (Luke 11:9-10; cf. Jeremiah 33:3; Matthew 21:22; Mark 11:24)
- God is better than an earthly _____.
(Lk. 11:11-13; cf. Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4:4-7)
- God gives you the _____, the _____ of all good things. (Luke 11:13)

The unparalleled generosity of God...

- ✓ The Comforter vs. comfort
- ✓ The Helper vs. help

- ✓ The Spirit of Truth vs. truth
- ✓ The Spirit of Power vs. power
- ✓ The Spirit of Wisdom vs. wisdom
- ✓ The Guide vs. guidance
- ✓ The Bank vs. money
- ✓ The Fruit Producer vs. love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control
- ✓ The Giver vs. a gift
- ✓ The Cause vs. the effect
- ✓ The Source vs. a product
- ✓ The Good One vs. something good
- ✓ Himself vs. His resources

Everything you are & have is a product of the Holy Spirit...

- You were convicted of sin by the Holy Spirit. (John 16:8-11)
- You confess Jesus as Lord because of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:3)
- You received knowledge of God's truth from the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 2:10-16)
- You received liberty from the law of sin—the law of death—by the Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:17)
- You were sealed to eternal life by the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13-14)
- You walk in righteousness by the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:1-8)
- You were baptized—or immersed—into the life and power of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:13)
- You are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- You are filled with the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)
- You are gifted by the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)
- You're given godly virtues—or fruit—by the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- You are empowered by the Holy Spirit for bold witnessing. (Acts 1:8)
- You are constantly prayed for by the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:26-27)
- You are sanctified—set apart, made holy—by the Holy Spirit. (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14)
- You are made more and more like Christ by the Holy Spirit, from one level of glory to the next. (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- You have hope in Christ's return because of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:23). He is the *arrabon*, the guarantee, the down payment, the engagement ring of your future eternal glory.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

– Ephesians 3:20–21