

August 28, 2016  
**“When You Pray”**  
**(Luke 11: 1-13)**

This prayer of the Christian Church is prayed more often in public \_\_\_\_\_ than any other prayer.

\_\_\_\_\_ version is the one we commonly use.

Matthew puts the prayer in the context of the Sermon on the \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke puts the prayer in another setting with a \_\_\_\_\_ which teaches us more about \_\_\_\_\_.

Let’s use the model and the parable to give us direction when we pray.

**#1.- Know who \_\_\_\_\_ are and who God is.**

We know God’s name, and that’s the way we pray. And what is the name? – “\_\_\_\_\_.”

It is the characteristic Christian address, because it comes from \_\_\_\_\_.

In Aramaic the word was “*Abba*” which is more intimate than Father. It is literally “\_\_\_\_\_.”

The very first words of the prayer tell us we’re not coming to someone from whom we have to \_\_\_\_\_, or strike a deal.

We’re coming to a Father who \_\_\_\_\_ to supply His children’s \_\_\_\_\_!

Because we know who we are, we pray out of our \_\_\_\_\_.

If prayer is anything, it is \_\_\_\_\_ our need with God.

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**#2.- When you pray, do so \_\_\_\_\_.**

Jesus uses a strange word in telling the parable. The word is: \_\_\_\_\_. It means to \_\_\_\_\_ or urge or beg with troublesome persistence.

A sense of \_\_\_\_\_ is always present when we importune.

The problem of “\_\_\_\_\_” or at least no apparent or immediate answer is one of the plaguing \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer.

A key lesson of the parable is found in learning what lies behind the importunity...and that is, our need for \_\_\_\_\_ in God!

There is no higher \_\_\_\_\_ we can bestow upon God than to \_\_\_\_\_ in Him undauntingly!

**#3.- When you pray, be \_\_\_\_\_!**

When you pray open yourself to be \_\_\_\_\_, expect miracles.

Our approach is too \_\_\_\_\_.

Here’s the simple truth: Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_ with God, communion.

Prayer is working if it is \_\_\_\_\_ our relationship with God, if it is \_\_\_\_\_ the way we live life, the way we \_\_\_\_\_ to others, and our willingness to be \_\_\_\_\_ and to serve.

We can go out and face the \_\_\_\_\_ that are ahead of us...going in prayer – persistent and expectant prayer, because we know God is “\_\_\_\_\_!”

What are you struggling with today?

Remember, we’re coming to a Father who delights in supplying the needs of His children!