

## July 27<sup>th</sup> 2025 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C - Luke 11:1 - 13

<sup>11-1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If 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!"..

<p>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</p>	<p>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</p> <p>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</p>
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In this week's gospel we see the disciples asking Jesus to teach them to pray because they had witnessed him in prayer. He taught them the Our Father. He also told his disciples that persistence always pays off. Three times he said the word "always". The one who asks always receives, the one who searches always finds, the one who knocks always has the door opened to him.

How do we pray? Do we get tired of asking for what we want instead of seeing that our prayer is always answered in the way Jesus thinks is best for us which we often only appreciate later on in life sometimes years on. Maybe we will not understand until we meet with Jesus when we will see the whole picture

### Prayer:

**Lord thank you** for the moments of prayer when we found great hope and peace within us. We felt your presence and were given the grace to bring other people with us.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times we became impatient and just gave up praying because we were not getting what we wanted. We did not appreciate that Jesus knew that what we wanted would not be good for us.

**Help us Lord** to realise that we do not have to put on a mask when coming to prayer because Jesus just wants us to come as we are. He knows us inside out and is just waiting for us to call on him.