

Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 4 October 2020

How To Approach God In Prayer

Luke 11:1-13

The request for instruction about prayer leads Jesus to teach His disciples a version of what has become known as the Lord's Prayer (Lk 11:1-4). Jesus teaches that the essential elements of proper prayer encompass God's glory and man's needs.

As Christ's followers when we pray, we come to God in the intimacy and access of Him being our heavenly Father. We are to pray about our Father's concerns and our concerns – the glory of His Name, His will to be done, provision of our daily needs, forgiveness of our sins and our spiritual protection. The prayer reflects our total dependence on God and His care.

Jesus has told us what to pray but how should we come to the throne of grace? Jesus goes on to tell a parable (Lk 11:5-8) that emphasizes that God is approachable, gracious, generous and ready to hear our requests and that proper prayer requires perseverance. Jesus teaches that we should approach God boldly and to keep on asking, seeking and knocking in prayer (Lk 11:9-10) until we obtain the answer we need. He gives an illustration that if a boy asked his father for a fish or

an egg, the father would not give his son a snake or a scorpion; that if we, being evil, know how to give good gifts to our children, how much more shall the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him (Lk 11:13).

God is a prayer-answering God. His promises are true and He will always fulfil His part, but we must fulfil our part by asking so that we will receive, seeking so that we will find, and knocking so that the door will be opened. We can be confident because of God's goodness expressed in His love, mercy and grace that we will receive what is good, find what is a blessing and have doors opened to greater ways to fulfil our purpose of existence in righteousness and service to Him. With the presence of the Holy Spirit as we pray, there is no doubt that we will be able to see His hand at work as our prayers are answered resulting in a blessing for us and glory for Him.

Therefore pray boldly, persistently, and expectantly to our good Father who delights in answering the prayers of His children.

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Prayer Pointers

1. Pray for spiritual nourishment for the Pastors, Pastoral Admin Team, LCEC members, Ministry Chairs, SG Leaders and all who serve in leadership capacity so that their faith in God will grow and their love for God will be deepened in order to be a good ambassador for the Lord Jesus Christ in their circle of influence.
2. Pray that the Lord will encounter all the worshippers attending the 8.00 am and 10.15 am services of Faith so that they will be encouraged to live without anxiety during this pandemic and be refreshed to know that the living God is always with them.
3. Pray that all the safety measures created by our Faith Operations Team for a 100-pax gathering in a worship service, will be implemented correctly and smoothly; that all worshippers will follow them strictly; and that there will be no cases of the Covid-19 in Faith.
4. Pray that the members of Parliament of Singapore in their parliamentary debate will speak the truth filled with compassion, make policies with fairness that will benefit the general population and take on a non-partisan line to work for the betterment of our nation.
5. Pray for the world leaders to have the resolve to make good decisions that will revitalize the economy of their nations, formulate right policies to control the climate issues in the world and introduce safety measures to curb the spread of the Covid-19 in their countries.

We Are Here For You!

- Perhaps you are going through a challenging time, and you need someone to pray with you, our pastoral team is here and ready to journey with you.
- Even though we may not be able to be with you in person, we can still reach you via telephone and other means.
- You may submit any Prayer Requests online via our church website at <https://www.faithmc.sg/care-help/prayer-requests/>.