

Persistence in Prayer

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Romans 12:11-13 (NIV)

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." Jesus said, "This is how you should pray: 'Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. Give us each day the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation.'"

Luke 11:1-4 (NLT)

And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Luke 11:9-10 (NLT)

What does persistence in prayer do?

- 1. Persistence in faithful prayer reveals our true desires.
- 2. Persistence in faithful prayer also draws us closer to the Father.
- 3. Persistence in faithful Prayer also helps align our hearts with His.

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Going deeper on your own: If you're struggling to develop a faithful prayer life, there are many tools available to help. Set aside a specific time each day this week to read Jesus' model prayer for yourself in Luke 11:1-4, then rewrite it in your own words. Use it as a guide to pray daily for the things you desire to see God do. Need help remembering when to pray or what to pray for? Buy a notebook and write them down. Go back and update your list as you see God answer. You can also try downloading the Echo Prayer app on your phone. You can set reminders, track prayer requests, and even add updates when prayers get answered! Your Heavenly Father wants to hear from you today.