

Teach Us to Pray

Luke 11:1f and Matthew 6:9-13

I Timothy 2:1, 8

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men . . . I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."

"When we work, we work. When we pray, God works." [Hudson Taylor]

Jeremiah 33:3—*"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."*

How to Pray

Jesus and Paul emphasized a balanced mixture of the five elements of prayer.

1. Prayer—coming near to our Father and claiming His ***promises***
2. Supplication—begging our Father for ***particular needs***
3. Intercession—intervention for others by praying to our Father in the ***plural***
4. Adoration—giving to our Father ***praise*** and ***thanksgiving***
"What we win by prayer, we must wear by praise." [Matthew Henry]
5. Confession—agreeing with our Father for ***pardon*** for myself and others

E. M Bounds wrote of the "deathlessness of prayer".

Lord, teach us to pray as our first priority and to praise You for Your eternal works in answer to our prayers.