

Friday, 5/19

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

*Praise Christ for delivering us from sin and death and ask Him to continue to rescue us daily.*

Come to the prayer meeting **this morning at 6:30.**

Read **Philippians 4:4-7** What is the call? In what ways are you holding back from letting your requests be known to God in everything large and small?

Rejoice in the Lord. Give thanks for what He has given.

Pray for the little things in your life. Ask God for His peace that passes all understanding to be poured out upon you and your family.

Sing the song *I Will Glory in My Redeemer.*<sup>4</sup>

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| <p><b>1.</b> I will glory in my Redeemer<br/>Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.<br/>Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails<br/>And hung Him on that judgment tree.<br/>I will glory in my Redeemer<br/>Who crushed the power of sin and death;<br/>My only Savior before the holy Judge,<br/>The Lamb Who is my righteousness,<br/>The Lamb Who is my righteousness.</p> | <p><b>2.</b> I will glory in my Redeemer<br/>My life He bought, my love He owns.<br/>I have no longings for another<br/>I'm satisfied in Him alone.<br/>I will glory in my Redeemer<br/>His faithfulness, my standing place<br/>Though foes are mighty and rush upon me<br/>My feet are firm, held by His grace,<br/>My feet are firm, held by His grace.</p> |
| <p><b>3.</b> I will glory in my Redeemer<br/>Who carries me on eagle's wings.<br/>He crowns my life with lovingkindness<br/>His face forever to behold,<br/>His triumph song I'll ever sing.<br/>I will glory in my Redeemer</p>   | <p>Who waits for me at gates of gold<br/>And when He calls me it will be paradise<br/>His face forever to behold.<br/>His face forever to behold.</p>   |

Saturday, 5/20

Read tomorrow's sermon passage **Matthew 6:5-8.**

Prepare today for the gathered worship service tomorrow.

Sing the song *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Pray for God's glory to be more and more manifested in the greater Portland area. Pray that He will cause many to see their need for Jesus as we celebrate our own need for Him.

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<sup>3</sup> See the website for an explanation of feasting in response to the gospel [www.MainePCA.org](http://www.MainePCA.org).

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# “LORD TEACH US TO PRAY”: OUR NEED FOR PRAYER

Sermon notes from 5/14/06

**Luke 11:1-13**

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One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just 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> Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation. '"

<sup>5</sup> Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup> "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Text

Message

- I. Our need for prayer is dependent on God  
So our prayer is focused on God**
- II. Our need for prayer is urgent  
So our prayer is bold and persistent**
- III. Our need for prayer is pervasive  
So our prayer is expectant**

Application

Please consider the following questions as you seek the Holy Spirit's direction from this sermon:

1. Why do I pray?
2. When I pray, am I focused on God or on my own needs?
3. When I pray, do I pursue God boldly and expect a powerful response?

# Taking Gathered Worship Home—Family and Individual Devotions

**L**ord teach us to pray. These words have been repeated by His disciples since He walked among the first twelve. Somewhere deep down we all know our need for prayer. And yet, when Christ was asked this question, He responded not just with how but by describing our need for prayer because we all *need* to pray. Until we understand our need for it, we won't be captured by the joy of prayer.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

Sunday, 5/14

**Read today's passage: Luke 11:1-13.** Do you read the words, "Lord teach us to pray" with excitement to see His response because you sense a lack in your own prayer life?

**Meditate** on your experience with prayer. Do you struggle to be faithful and consistent in prayer? Do you seek a personal answer to the question asked by the disciples?

**Rejoice** that Christ has heard your need and answered.

**Pray** the song *I Need Thee Every Hour*<sup>1</sup>

Monday, 5/15

**Read Luke 18:9-14.** Both the Pharisee and the tax collector knew they needed to pray and yet only one recognized their true need for prayer.

**Meditate** on your own need for prayer.

**Rejoice** that God is merciful to sinners to the point of sending His Son, Jesus Christ, so that we can be justified.

1. I need Thee every hour,  
most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.  
I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;  
Temptations lose their power  
when Thou art nigh.

*Chorus:* I need Thee, O I need Thee;  
O I need Thee every hour;  
I need you Lord, O bless me now,  
My Savior, I come to Thee.

**Pray** the song *I Need Thee Every Hour*<sup>1</sup>

2. I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;  
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain  
I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will;  
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill  
*(Repeat Chorus)*

3. I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son  
*(Repeat Chorus)*

Tuesday, 5/16

**Read Matthew 6:9-13** and consider Christ's prayer.

Reread it from the perspective of God's glory. How does that change your understanding of the prayer?

**Meditate** on the reality reflected in the Catechism: "Humanity's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever."

**Pray** Matthew 6:9-13, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen."

Wednesday, 5/17

**Read Luke 18:1-8.** What is the role of the woman's

boldness in confronting the judge? What is the role that boldness should play in our prayer lives?

**Rejoice** that in Christ we can have the shameless boldness to approach God for all things.

**Pray**, "Father, no matter where I am going, or what I am doing, I know that I find my help in you, my Lord. You are the creator and sustainer of all that has been made and will be made. And yet, the immensity of creation does not distract you from caring personally for me. I know that you watch over all my life—you have in the past and you are now. Your promise holds for the future and for eternity, and I praise and thank you for that. Amen"

Thursday, 5/18

**Read Mark 11:12-14, 20-25.** Jesus calls us to pray trusting in God to respond.

We are to ask with the expectation that God will respond and yet to understand that He will respond as He sees fit.

**Reflect** on times when you have prayed for something and seen God answer in a different way than you desired.

**Pray**, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,"

*Ask God to use you in making His name hallowed (declared holy) among your family and friends.*  
"Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." *Praise God for beginning His kingdom on earth. Ask Him to extend it today.*

"Give us today our daily bread."

*Thank God for all His provision for you. Ask Him for the things you need.*

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

*Ask God to make us so aware of how much He has forgiven us that we would be forgiving also.*