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Catechizing Corner!

We are to pray unceasingly because it is the way Jesus derived his spiritual strength and power. The parable gives two other reasons for persistence in prayer. The parable is regarded as a "how much more parable." If a neighbor shamelessly persists in knocking at the door and is finally answered by a reluctant host, then *how much more will* God be willing to answer our persistent requests. Why pray? Because God will answer. The second reason for prayer is also formulated in terms of "how much more." If parents would not think of giving their child a harmful gift (serpent, stone, scorpion, etc.), *how much more* would God desire to give only good gifts to his children! The good gifts refers to the Holy Spirit. We are to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, in essence they were saying, "Lord, give us an identity" Groups were identified by the way they prayed. Jesus wanted them to be bold. "Give me my future hope and give it to me now!" God likes his disciples to have a little spunk! If you're going to ask for something, you might as well go for it with gusto! Luke's theology insists that we are to be persistent; that we are not to take "no" for an answer. Prayer is not wimpy. It gets results.

Jesus affirms the relationship he has with his disciples. He attests that the relationship he has with his Father is the same relationship that he has with his disciples.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship
Workbook, Cycle C Paulist Press, 1998



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Disciple's Reflection for the Question

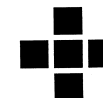
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Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 11:1-13

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, **hallowed** be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not **subject** us to the final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house

from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his **persistence**."

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Glossary

Hallowed means holy.

To **subject** means to make someone do something. Here it is the part of the Our Father that

asks God to "lead us not into temptation."

Persistence means never giving up.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: What do you treasure most? In what way does it most influence you?

Teens: Jesus tells us we will receive what we ask for. What are you seeking at this time in your life?

Children: Name a special gift that God has given to you to share with others.

Families: If God admits everyone who asks... Who do you look forward to seeing in heaven? Why?

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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