"How to Pray"
Why Pray
Part 3

Prayer is about <u>Consistently</u> & <u>Intentionally</u> <u>Connecting</u> with "Our Father in Heaven."

Three Elements of Effective Prayer

- 1. <u>Declare</u> His <u>Greatness</u>
- 2. Surrender your will
- 3. Declare your dependence

"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." ² He said to them, "When you pray, say: "'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.' Luke 11: 1 - 4

"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, ⁶ because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

⁷ "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.'

Luke 11: 5 - 10

⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's <u>boldness</u> he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

The Point is: Be **Persistent** in Prayer

Be **Bold** in Prayer

⁹ "So I say to you: <u>Ask</u> and it will be given to you; <u>seek</u> and you will find; <u>knock</u> and the door will be opened to you.

¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

The Holy Bible: New International Version (Lk 11:5–10). (1984). Zondervan.

Sometimes in the process of persistent prayer; God does <u>something in me</u>