

# How to Talk to God

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## **I. When prayer seems hard**

**Luk 11:1** And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

—**Sometimes the ‘sweet hour of prayer’ ends in empty nothingness**

—**Sometimes all the aching heart can find in the ‘prayer closet’ is darkness**

—**Sometimes that ‘little talk with Jesus’ can end up being nothing much to say**

**Luk 11:2** And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

**Luk 11:3** Give us day by day our daily bread.

**Luk 11:4** And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

**Luk 11:5** And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

**Luk 11:6** For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

**Luk 11:7** And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

**Luk 11:8** I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

**Luk 11:9** And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

**Luk 11:10** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

**Luk 11:11** If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

**Luk 11:12** Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

**Luk 11:13** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

## **II. God prays for us when we can't**

Rom 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Rom 8:23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body.

Rom 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

Rom 8:25 But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*.

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Rom 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

### III. Be still and listen

Ecc 5:2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter *any* thing before God: for God *is* in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

Pro 10:19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise.

Job 40:3 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,  
Job 40:4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.  
Job 40:5 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

Mar 9:6 For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.

Ecc 3:7 ...a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Exo 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

2Ch 20:17 Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle*: set yourselves, stand ye *still*, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD *will be* with you.

Mar 4:39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

**1Ki 19:11** And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake:

**1Ki 19:12** And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

**Psa 46:10** Be still, and know that I *am* God...

#### **IV. Horatio G. Spafford had wellness of soul—As opposed to mad at God**

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
Or when sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, It is well with my soul.*

#### **V. Come with boldness—Yet, come with reverence**

##### **A. The man who saw Jesus in the mirror while shaving**

**Psa 50:21** ...thou thoughtest that I was altogether *such an one* as thyself...

##### **B. Though I haven't seen Jesus in the mirror—I am as guilty as that man**

##### **C. Come boldly**

**Heb 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

##### **D. Yet, come reverently**

**Isa 6:5** Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.