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Ask, seek and find





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Sunday between July 24 and July 30



Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. Do you find prayer easy or difficult? Why?
- 2. When Jesus' disciples wanted to learn how to pray, Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:1-4). What is your favourite part of the prayer? What part do you find it hardest to pray or to understand?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	Luke 11:1-13	Jesus teaches about prayer
М	Luke 18:1-8	A parable about prayer
Т	Luke 18:9-14	Parable about two men praying
W	1 Samuel 1:1-20	Hannah prays to the Lord
Т	1 Kings 18:16-46	Elijah prays to the Lord
F	2 Kings 19:9-20,32-36	Hezekiah prays to the Lord
S	Psalm 138	Unfailing love and faithfulness

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.

LUKE 11:9





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Prayer is a gift that God has given us to communicate with him. Consider building these different forms of prayer into your home routine:

Praying for One Another

Pray for household members personally on special occasions, such as birthdays and baptism anniversaries. Try introducing times during the week when you specifically pray for one another.

Praying for Others

Include a time each week to pray for people outside of your household, and for the needs of the wider world.

Mealtime Prayers

Make mealtime graces a part of your daily life. Use the weekly mealtime resources provided in Growing Faith at Home.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Make a habit of offering thanks to God often. Give thanks together when you return safely from a trip, when good news is received, and when milestones are reached.



ACTION RESPONSE

One of the best ways we can serve others is by bringing their needs before God in prayer. What needs do you see in the lives of others around you? Make a point of praying for two or three people in particular this week. Send them a card to let them

know that you have been praying for them.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you, God, for this our food, for life and health and every good. May we - more blessed than we deserve - live less for self and more to serve. Amen.





BLESSING

(Name) God will meet all your needs.