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Make FaceTime for God: PRAYER MATTERS

(Lk. 11:1-13)

*Satan not only wants to keep us sinning, he wants to keep us hiding.*

WHY Pray?

* God is a good good Father (11:11-13)
* Asking God matters (11:5-10)

Prayer is how God’s people benefit from the reign of Christ and His open-handed access to the blessings of the age to come—“your kingdom come.”

HOW?

“Lord, teach us to pray.”

1. Reverently—God is your **Father**, not your buddy or dispensary.

 Our chief concern is God and His glory through us; the Father concerns himself with us.

2. Submissively—God is your **King**

 Our present experience of the glorious rule of Christ and His future reign.

3. Dependently—God is your **Provider**

 Our trust and dependence are only as real as our prayer life is robust.

4. Repentantly—God is your **Pardoner**

Our own forgiveness leads us to practice what we are receiving.

5. Fearfully—God is your **Protector**

Our proneness to sin requires being led far from tempting things.