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PRAYER: A GUIDE FOR BEGINNERS

Luke 11:1; Matthew 6:5-8

Facts about prayer. Luke 11:1

- We are all **wired** for prayer. Luke 11:1; Eccl. 3:11; Luke 18:9-14; Matt. 6:5-8
- We are not very **good** at prayer. Luke 11:1; Rom. 8:26; Matt. 26:40-41
- We get **frustrated** with prayer because of a lack of understanding. Luke 11:1
 - Prayer is not a **magic** wand.
 - Prayer is not **911** praying.
 - Prayer is having to **fight** God.
 - Prayer is not a **ritual** but a relationship and conversation with God.

Foundational truth about prayer (God's love). Luke 11:1; Matt. 6:5-8; 1 John 4:8

- Love that wants to **hear** from us. Ps. 103:13; 1 John 14:14-15; John 14:13; Jer. 29:11-12; 1 Thess. 5:17
- Love that listens to a **heart** that is sincere and simple. Matt. 6:5-8; Heb. 10:22; Luke 18:9-14; Ps. 62:8; 42:4; Lam 2:19
- Love that shows His **grace** by answering our prayer. Jer. 33:3; Matt. 7:11; James 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:17; John 16:24; Matt. 21:22
- Love that longs to be **close** to us. Is. 30:18; John 15:15; Ps. 25:14; James 4:8

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."
Max Lucado

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?"
Corrie ten Boom

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." Martin Luther

"The prayer offered to God in the morning during your quiet time is the key that unlocks the door of the day. Any athlete knows that it is the start that ensures a good finish."
Adrian Rogers

"To get nations back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees." Billy Graham

"Prayer should not be regarded as a duty which must be performed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty."
E.M. Bounds