



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 11: 5-13

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Suppose one of you has a friend
to whom he goes at midnight and says,
'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,
for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey
and I have nothing to offer him,'
and he says in reply from within,
'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked
and my children and I are already in bed.
I cannot get up to give you anything.'

I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves
because of their friendship,
he will get up to give him whatever he needs
because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks, receives;
and the one who seeks, finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
What father among you would hand his son a snake
when he asks for a fish?

Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg?
If you then, who are wicked,
know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit
to those who ask him?"

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus' teaching in our Gospel reading serves as a practical application to His "Lord's Prayer." Even more than a dear friend who wants to give us what we need, day or night, Our Father is willing to give us all that we NEED. We need to be persistent as we seek His help and as we wait we will hear Him speaking to our hearts calling us to distinguish between what we WANT and what we truly NEED. If God knows what we need before we ask, then why do we need to ask? Because He loves to hear from His children. Sound familiar parents???

Food for your Journey

Prayer should be as critical and functional as the steering wheel on your car, writes Larry Davies in his Sowing Seeds of Faith e-mail newsletter (January 26, 2004). "Without you, O Lord, I can go nowhere!" Yet, for most of us, prayer is actually more like the spare tire ... seldom used except when something goes flat. In other words: "Don't call us... we'll call when we need you!"

A Prayer from the Heart

Heavenly Father, You love me and give me life in this wonderful world which You created. There are so many things I see that I want to enjoy. But Lord, there are few things that I truly need. Help me, Lord, to grow beyond my selfishness and self-centeredness. Help me learn to seek You and Your love above all else. May my love for You help me to discern what I truly need from Your world. Amen