# Key Truth Review Lesson #12

**Lesson Twelve**

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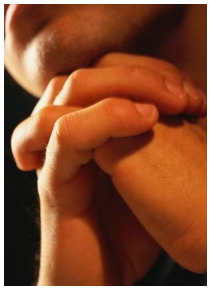
# Key Truth Answers

**Lesson Twelve**

- Every believer has spiritual gifts and a **MINISTRY (service)** to carry out. Our ministry is to glorify **GOD**, serve **OURSELVES** by growing through God's word and sacraments, serve fellow **CHRISTIANS** and serve **OUR NEIGHBORS** by witnessing to them and praying for them. God gives us pastors and teachers to **TRAIN** us for serving each other.

# Opening Prayer



***(Parent Prays aloud before lesson)***

Dear Savior, you taught us how to pray when you lived here on earth. What a model of prayer you left for us! You prayed constantly. When your followers asked you for a good prayer, you left us "The Lord's Prayer." Too many times we've just mouthed the words and not really prayed it. That's the same way we've said too many bedtime and mealtime prayers...just mouthing the words without thinking that we have your attention. Savior, forgive us. You gave your life so that we could pray! You've removed all our sin so that God will listen...if only we will talk to him. Help us to be better pray-ers. Remind us to pray in ways that show our love for you and for our family, friends, church and people around us.

Give us the determination to listen to you also, and not just talk to you. In your Word you answer many of our prayers for direction and you help us make good decisions. Make us good listeners and a good "talkers"! We pray this because Jesus has removed our sin and we know God will hear, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## LESSON 13

# THE CHRISTIAN AND PRAYER

Introduction: There's a story told by High Price Hughes called "The City of Everywhere." A man arrives at a train station one wintry day, hails a cab, and notices something peculiar: the driver is barefooted.

"Pardon me," the man says as he slides into the back seat. "I'm curious why you don't wear shoes. Don't you believe in them?"

"Sure," says the driver.

"Then why don't you wear them?"

The driver replies, "Ah that's the question. 'Why don't we? Why don't we?'"

Later, outside a restaurant, the man notices that everyone in the town is walking barefooted in the snow. He stops a passerby to ask again about shoes. After all it is winter!

"Don't you see how my shoes protect my feet?"

"Well, sure I do," replies the passerby. "See that building over there? That's a shoe factory. We go there every week to hear the manager tell us how wonderful shoes are. We're mighty proud of our shoe factory."

"Then, why aren't you wearing shoes?"

"Ah, that's the question. Why don't we? Why don't we?"

In the same way, we can know all about prayer. So why don't we do it? Today we want to learn about prayer but even more we want to pray more than we ever have before.

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# CHRISTIAN PRAYER IS …

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## Psalm 19:14

- 14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight,
  O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

**[Have your youth read the passage]**

**Question:** According to this passage in what two ways does the Psalmist apparently converse with the LORD.

**Answer:** He converses with the LORD out loud and in the quietness of his heart.

That is what Christian prayer is:

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## Christian Prayer Is …

1. **A heart-to-heart talk, out loud or silent, with the one true God.**

**[Have your youth record the answer]**
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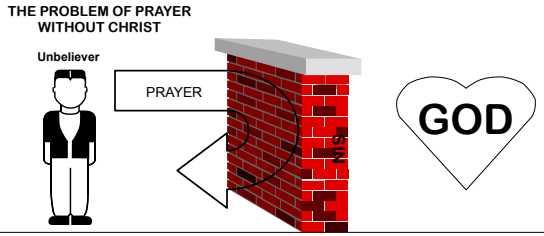
## Christian Prayer Is …

**Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.**




[Read the passage then point to the diagram.] Explain that it is an unbelievers barrier of sin which keeps God from listening to his prayer.
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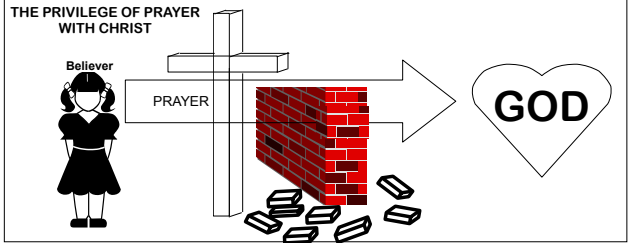
## Galatians 3:26

- 26You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,




[Read the passage]
Point out that we have the privilege to approach God in prayer because he has removed the barrier of sin through his Son Jesus. We now have direct access to the living God.
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## Christian Prayer Is …

1. **A heart-to-heart talk, out loud or silent, with the one true God.**
2. **A privilege for those who have become God's children through faith in Jesus.**

**[Have your youth record the answer]**
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## Philippians 4:6

- [6]Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

**[Have your youth read the passage]**
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## Ephesians 6:18

- [18]And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

**[Have your youth read the passage]**
**Question:** According to these two passages what does God command us to do?
**Answer:** He commands us to pray at all times.
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## Christian Prayer Is …

3. **A command of God for all believers.**

**[Have your youth record the answer]**

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4. **A natural response (fruit) of faith in Jesus.**

| God's speaking | | To God |
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| To us | | Our speaking |
| (Word & Sacrament) | | (Prayer) |

**[Have your youth record the answer]**

Point out the two sides of this conversation. God speaks to us through the Word and Sacraments. We speak to God through prayer. Incidentally, many times he answers our prayers by having us search the Scriptures so that we understand what his will and desire is.

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# HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?

## John 15:16

- 16You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

**[Have your youth read the passage]**

**Question:** According to this passage, how did Jesus instruct his disciples to ask the Father?

**Answer:** He instructed them to ask in His name.

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## 1 Timothy 2:5

- 5For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

**[Have your youth read the passage]**

**Question:** According to this passage what does Jesus do for us?

**Answer:** He acts as a mediator (a go-between)

(Remind your youth that Jesus is the perfect mediator because he was a man who was subject to every temptation and challenge we have had. He can sympathize with a preteen since he was one too!)

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## How Should We Pray?

1. **<u>In Jesus' name, that is, trusting in Him as our Savior.</u>**

**[Have your youth record the answer]**

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# 1 John 5:14

- 14This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

**[Have your youth read the passage]**

**Question:** According to whose will are we to pray?

**Answer:** We are to pray according to God's will.

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1. **In Jesus' name, that is, trusting in Him as our Savior.**
2. **According to God's will;**

**[Have your youth record the answer]**

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# John 15:7

- 7If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

**[Have your youth read the passage]**

**In this passage Jesus reminds us to remain in him and his word. If we do so then we will know what God's Will is. Therefore, Bible Study is an important activity along with prayer.**

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**so we seek Bible study**

**[Have your youth record the answer]**
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## Romans 8:26

- [26]In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

**[Have your youth read the passage]**
**Question:** According to this passage, who helps us if we are unsure what we ought to pray for?
**Answer:** The Holy Spirit helps us.
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## James 1:5-7

- [5]If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. [6]But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. [7]That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;

**[Have your youth read the passage]**

**Question:** According to verse 6 what does James instruct us not to do when we pray?

**Answer:** He instructs us not to doubt.

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1. **In Jesus' name, that is, trusting in Him as our Savior.**
2. **According to God's will; so we seek Bible study and the Spirit's help to know God's will.**
3. **Trusting that God will hear and answer our prayers in His own time and way.**

**[Have your youth record the answer]**

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# FOR WHAT SHOULD WE PRAY?

## Matthew 6:33

- 33But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
  and all these things will be given to you as well.

**[Have your youth read the passage]**

**Question:** According to this passage, what is one thing that God especially wants us to seek?

**Answer:** He wants us to seek his kingdom and righteousness.

These would be what we call spiritual blessings.

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## Matthew 6:9-13

- 9"This, then, is how you should pray:
  " 'Our Father in heaven,
  hallowed be your name,
  10your kingdom come,
  your will be done
  on earth as it is in heaven.
  11Give us today our daily bread.
  12Forgive us our debts,
  as we also have forgiven our debtors.
  13And lead us not into temptation,
  but deliver us from the evil one.'

**[Have your youth read the passage]**

Question: In Jesus model prayer how many petitions are spiritual in nature? How many are physical?

Answer: When you look at Jesus' model prayer you see Jesus encourage us to ask for an abundance of spiritual blessings. However, in verse 11, he also asks us to pray for physical blessings.

(Jesus models good balance in our prayer life – reflect on your prayers – do they have the same type of balance?)

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## For What Should We Pray?

1. **<u>Especially for spiritual things, but also for physical needs.</u>**

**[Have your youth record the answer]**

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## Matthew 7:7

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

**[Have your youth read the passage]**
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## Psalm 50:15

- 15 and call upon me in the day of trouble;
  I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

**[Have your youth read the passage]**
**Question:** According to these passages, when should we call on the LORD?
**Answer:** We should call on him when we are in trouble or in need.
These are called personal petitions.
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# 1 Timothy 2:1

- [1]I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone

**[Have your youth read the passage]**
**Question:** According to this passage who else's needs should we pray for?
**Answer:** We should pray for the needs of others.
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**[Have your youth record the answer]**
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# WHAT SHOULD WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS?

The following is a good outline for praying a balanced prayer:

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**A** **adoration** — **(We praise and worship God in joy)**

**[Have your youth record the answer]**

Perhaps try to write a personal example of this prayer to share with your youth. Help them to do the same.

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**[Have your youth record the answer]**

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| S | supplication (humble request) | (We offer both petitions [requests] and intercession [prayers for others]) |

[Have your youth record the answer]

Illustration: A make-believe story talks about God assigning two angels to carry the prayers of believers to him. One was to bring the "give-me" prayers and the other was to carry the "thank-you" prayers. At the end of the day, one of the angels was very tired. He had been so busy all day long that he had not been able to take a single break. The other angel wasn't tired at all. He'd had little to do all day. I'm sure you can guess which one was busy and which one didn't have much to do. This little story reminds us that's it's easy to ask God for things, but not so easy to remember to thank him – that's also part of what God wants us to do. (Show the Morning, Evening, and Table prayers on page 16 of Luther's Catechism.)

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# PRAYER HELPS

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4. **Prayer and Bible Study go together.**

**[Have your youth record the answer]**
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# THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US:

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**Main parts of the Lord's Prayer:**

1. Address
2. 7 Petitions
3. Doxology (Word of Praise)

**[Have your youth record the answer]**

**The following is a simple explanation of the Address, Petitions and Doxology.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**M:** **I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me the Lord's Prayer as Christ our Lord taught us.**

**C:** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**M:** **Here we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.**

**C:** **Your kingdom come.**

**M:** **We pray that his kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan's kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.**

**C:** **Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**M:** **We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.**

**C:** **Give us today our daily bread.**

**M:** **We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.**

**C:** **Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

## His Word in My Life

- Talk about any special prayers which your family uses or has used over the years.
- Which is better - to use your own words or a memorized prayer?

Neither are better; Each has their place and time.

## His Word in My Life

- What is wrong with this thought:
  - Prayer is sort of getting in touch with your own hidden ideas and deep desires. It makes you feel better if you can put those ideas and desires into words for yourself.

Prayer is not talking to oneself. Prayer is speaing to God.

## His Word in My Life

- What is wrong with this statement?
  - It's no use to teach young children to pray until they're at least five or six years old and can understand what they're praying about.

Even though very young, they are God's dear children, and they can speak to God, asking for things they need and thanking him for his goodness also.

## His Word in My Life

- Agree or disagree: Prayer is hard work.

In one sense, prayer is very easy. Like any child speaking to a dear parent, you just say what's on your mind. In another sense, it can be difficult. If you are not sure of how you want to ask God for help, it might mean searching for the right words to say.

## His Word in My Life

- Martin Luther once said, "The Pater Noster [Our Father] is the greatest martyr on earth; for everyone torments and misuses it"
  - How is the Lord's Prayer abused?
- How, specifically, can we keep it from happening?

It is abused when people speak the words without thinking. We can keep it from happening by thinking about the meaning of each individual petition, perhaps picking out one key word to focus on, such as Father, name, kingdom, will, bread, sins, temptation, evil, and Amen.

## His Word in My LIfe

- Agree or Disagree? Since the Doxology may not have been spoken by Jesus, we should not use it during the Lord's Prayer.

Disagree – It praises God so we can still use it.

Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer twice during his earthly ministry (cf Mt 6:9ff. and Luke 11:2ff.). When he taught the Lord's Prayer to his disciples (the Luke account), he did not include the doxology. When he taught the Lord's Prayer as part of the Sermon on the Mount (the Mt account), there is some question whether he included the doxology or not.

In the Matthew account, the earliest Greek manuscript to include the doxology is dated in the 400's. There are a few Greek manuscripts that are a little earlier than this (the 300's) that do not have the doxology. However, there are some versions (Bible translations) such as a Latin translation, a Coptic translation, and a Syriac translation (which are as early as the earliest Greek manuscripts) that do include the doxology.

These translations are among some of the earliest witnesses we have to the NT text. Since the textual evidence is split whether the doxology was spoken by Jesus or not, this remains an open question. The doxology may have been spoken by Jesus, or there also is the possibility that it was an addition made in the early Christian church. The fact that the witnesses that do include it vary in their word order adds an argument against it being original. The fact that copyists did not try to add it to the Luke account suggests that it was original in the Matthew account. If it was not original with Jesus, it was added within a short time after the New Testament was written since it is referred to in the Didache.

## His Word in My Life

- How would you explain the address of the Lord's Prayer to someone who has never experienced love from an earthly Father?

Use examples of God's fatherly love in the Bible; or use the love this person's mother showed him, if he had a loving mother; or use examples of your own loving earthly father's love for you.

## His Word in My Life

- Evaluate: Duane, a freshman in high school, asks God to give him a Porsche sports car by his 18th birthday. He feels he is praying boldly.

There is a distinction to be made between praying boldly for some great gift that you really need and praying for some great gift that is really selfishness disguised as praying boldly. If Duane's prayer is the latter more than the former, then his bold prayer isn't God pleasing because selfishness is a sin.

## His Word in My Life

- On television Ken saw some Muslims praying in a mosque. The program also showed the Muslims turning toward Mecca at regular hours every day for prayer. He says, "I think we can learn a lot about prayer from the Muslims."

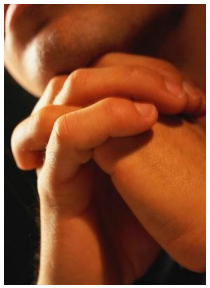
The Muslims pray to a false god, Allah, and they don't pray trusting only in Jesus. But sometimes when we see how fervent unbelievers are in praying their futile prayers, it reminds us how much more seriously we should take the wonderful privilege we have to speak to God in prayer.

## His Word in My Life

- Agree or Disagree? You cannot confidently ask God to help you do well on a test unless you have studied a proper amount of time for the test.

You might have been sick and were not able to study. However, asking God to help when the reason you need the help is the direct result of sinfully wasting time or being lazy is not coming to God in a way or with a prayer that is pleasing in his sight.

## Closing Prayer



What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O, what peace we often forfeit, O, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you, You will find a solace there. Amen

***(Have the Youth Pray aloud)***

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## ASSIGNMENT FOR NEXT WEEK

1. **Study** carefully the notes you have taken in class; be sure you understand them.
2. **Study** carefully questions 329 – 376 in the Catechism.
3. **Complete** the "Working with God's Word" section.
4. **Memorize** these Bible passages:

   ***Psalm 50:15 – "****Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."*

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   ***1 John 5:14 –*** *"This is the assurance we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."*
5. **Complete** Worksheet #13 and have your parents correct it.

## Key Truths

**Lesson Thirteen**

- Prayer is a _____ and something only _____ can do. We pray in Jesus' name means we _____ . We pray according to God's will means we study the _____ and ask the Spirit's help. We should pray especially for _____ things, but also for _____ things for us and for others. A handy word to help us remember how to pray is ACTS. It stand for: A: _____
- C: _____
- T: _____
- S: _____

# Key Truths

**Lesson Thirteen**

- Prayer is a **PRIVILEGE** and something only **CHRISTIANS** can do. We pray in Jesus' name means we **TRUST IN JESUS**. We pray according to God's will means we study the **BIBLE** and ask the Spirit's help. We should pray especially for **SPIRITUAL** things, but also for **PHYSICAL** things for us and for others. A handy word to help us remember how to pray is **ACTS**. It stands for:
- **A: ADORATION**
- **C: CONFESSION**
- **T: THANKSGIVING**
- **S: SUPPLICATION**