

"TEACH ME TO PRAY"

Luke 11:1

Introduction: It is interesting to note that following a time spent in prayer, Jesus' disciples requested that He teach them to pray as John the Baptist had taught his disciples how to pray. Jesus replied by giving to them and to us as well, a "model" prayer, often called "the Lord's prayer." In reality, it was/is a pattern for His disciples (then and now) to follow as they/we offer prayers. How is YOUR prayer life?

"Ere you left your room this morning,
Did you think to pray?
In the name of Christ, our Savior,
Did you sue for loving favor,
As a shield today? (Mrs. M.A. Kidder)

Is it not true that all of us need to join with Albert S. Reitz, who placed in poetic form his prayer, "Teach Me To Pray"?

I. PETITIONS IN VERSE 1

1. "Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray..." (*Luke 11:1*)
2. "I long to know Thy will and Thy way..." (*Romans 12:2*)

II. PETITION IN VERSE 2

1. "O give me power, power in prayer..." (*Philippians 4:13*)

III. PETITIONS IN VERSE 3

1. "Renew my weakened will..." (*Romans 7:25*)
2. "Subdue my sinful nature..." (*1 Corinthians 9:27*)
3. "Fill me just now with power anew..." (*Acts 1:8*)

IV. PETITION IN VERSE 4

1. "Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray..." (*Luke 11:1*)

CONCLUSION:

1. As a united expression of our need and in the assurance that our request is in line with the will of God for us, let's sing this great old hymn as a prayer - "Teach me to Pray, Lord..."
2. Memorize the words, sing them over and over again day after day, let this be your daily prayer.