

## Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

**Sermon Series:** We Are the Church

**Sermon:** A Praying Church

**Scripture:** Luke 11:1-13

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup> and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves,’ <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; <sup>7</sup> and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup> What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup> or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

### *Reflection Questions:*

- Describe your prayer life. When do you pray? Does prayer feel like something that gives you life and energy or drain you and feel burdensome?
- How would you describe your “heart” in prayer? Do pray to connect with God? Or does prayer feel like something else?
- In what ways have you seen the power of prayer? In what ways do you desire for God to act now?
- How can you help this church to become a praying church?

### *Guided Prayer:*

Instead of giving you a guide, take some time just to sit in God’s presence. Don’t expect Him to speak or do anything. Just allow Him to show you that He is your Father. Thank Him for the relationship you have with Him. End by praying the Lord’s Prayer: *“Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.”*