

**Discussion & Reflection Questions**  
**Greater Things Week 6**  
**Pentecost 7C - 27th of July 2025**

**Read: Luke 11.1-13**

<sup>1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' <sup>2</sup>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 indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give 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!'

**Questions**

1. Why do you think the disciples asked Jesus specifically to teach them to pray when they would have grown up with prayer as a key focus of their Jewish faith?
2. How do the plurals in the Lord's Prayer ("give us," "forgive us," etc.) shape your understanding of prayer?
3. What does the parable of the persistent friend (v5-8) tell us about prayer?
4. How do verses 9-10 challenge or encourage your current prayer life?
5. Jesus compares God's response to prayer with that of a human parent (v11-13). What does this say about God's character?
6. How do you cope with unanswered prayer? How does this passage help your understanding of unanswered prayer?
7. Why is the gift of the Holy Spirit (v13) presented as the ultimate answer to prayer—and how does that reshape what we pray for and expect from God?

**Prayer**

Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door: help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.