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ENTERING THE SCENE:

David Steindl-Rast once commented that we tend to be resentful when things interrupt our work until we realize that, often times; the interruptions are our real work. Luke's version of Jesus' prayer is short and to the point. It is a template for daily living in the now. Many of the recovery groups model their programs on this spare prayer. It seems to say that if I take care of what God puts in my path today, my tomorrow's will bring what I need. The real test for each of us is to trust that this is true.

[Luke 11:1-13](#)

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1 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**." 2 He said to them,

"When you pray, say: **Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.** 3 **Give us each day our daily bread.** 4 And **forgive** us our sins, for we ourselves **forgive** everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the **time of trial**." 5 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**; 6 for a **friend** of mine **has arrived**, and I have **nothing** to set before him.' 7 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.' 8 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. 9 "So I say to you, **Ask**, and it will be given you; **search**, and you will find; **knock**, and the door will be **opened** for you. 10 For everyone who **asks** receives, and everyone who **searches** finds, and for everyone who **knocks**, the door will be **opened**. 11 Is there **anyone** among you who, if your child asks for a **fish**, will give a **snake** instead of a **fish**? 12 Or if the child asks for an **egg**, will give a **scorpion**? 13 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!"

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Is God knocking on your door for a friend of His who is needing something you can provide?

PRAYER: Lord, each generation needs to learn how to pray. We learn from those around us who come to our aid when we are in need. We wonder why they did this and learn that they love. Love us, love you, love because they have been loved. To love is to want the others wellbeing sometimes more than our own. You came among us to give us a hands on experience of this kind of love. Now I pray for the openness to whatever or whoever knocks on my door of love today. Amen.