

# Prayer Series 1

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Then Jesus told his disciples a  
parable to show them that they  
should always pray and not give up

Luke 18:1

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This parable has its key hanging at the door; the drift and design of it are prefixed. Christ spoke it with this intent, to teach us that men ought always to pray and not to faint

Matthew Henry

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Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men.<sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea,

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‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’ “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care about men,<sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually wear

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me out with her coming!’ ”

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly.

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However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Luke 18:1-8

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“They do not defend the cause of the fatherless; the widow’s case does not come before them.”

Isaiah 1:23

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Religion that God our Father  
accepts as pure and faultless is  
this: to look after orphans and  
widows in their distress and to  
keep oneself from being polluted  
by the world.

James 1:27

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# THE JUDGE

1. Did not fear God

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# THE JUDGE

2. Did not care about people

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# THE WIDOW

1. A woman
2. A widow
3. Probably poor

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JUDGE = GOD

WIDOW = YOU & I

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God is unfair, hard hearted and quite moody. If you want to get anything out of him you have to grovel and beg over and over again for the same thing, and when you've pestered him enough and he's suitably annoyed, he may just give you what you want, just to get you off his back!

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The LORD is gracious and  
compassionate; slow to anger and  
rich in love. The LORD is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has  
made.

Psalm 145:8, 9

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And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

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Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6

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1. SHE WAS AN OUTSIDER

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Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world...

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<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:12,13

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v<sup>9</sup> To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable...

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors

**Matt. 6:9-12**

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The Lord's prayer...

PRAISE – “You're amazing!”

PETITION – “please may I have...”

CONFESSION – “I'm sorry about...”

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# My prayer

CONFESSION – “I’m sorry about...”

PETITION – “please may I have...”

PRAISE – “You’re amazing!”

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1. SHE WAS AN OUTSIDER

2. SHE HAD NO ADVOCATE

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My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.

1 John 2:1

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Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Heb 4:16

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“God’s delays are not the delays of inactivity but of preparation...God works in all things at all times, causing all things to work together to accomplish His purposes...”

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The moment we send Him a request that is in His will (1 John 5:14–15), God begins to work. We may not see it now, but one day the answer will come.

Warren Wiersbe

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