

WEEK 30:

# WAR-TIME PRAYER

## PRIMARY SCRIPTURE:

Luke 11:1-13

## RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Daniel 6:1-13, Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 3:21, 5:16, 6:12-13, 9:18 + 29, 22:31-32 + 39-46, Romans 8:26-30, Revelation 5:6-10 and 8:1-4

“Jesus’ resurrection is the beginning of God’s new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord’s Prayer is about.”

- N.T. Wright

“Prayer is where the action is.”

- John Wesley

“The number one reason why prayer malfunctions in the hands of believers is that they try to turn a war-time walkie-talkie into a domestic intercom. Until you believe that life is war, you cannot know what prayer is for. Prayer is for the accomplishment of a war-time mission.”

- John Piper

## PERSONAL STUDY:

**Read Luke 11:1, 3:21, 5:16, 6:12-13, 9:18 + 29, 22:31-32 + 39-46.** What themes do you see in the how, when and what of Jesus’ prayer life?

What are the theological and practical implications of Jesus, the Son of God, making frequent and regular time to pray?

**Read Luke 11:2-4.** What is the context for this famous prayer that Jesus taught His disciples? How does the context of Jesus training an army of disciple-making disciples help us understand this prayer?

**Read Daniel 6:1-13.** What situation does Daniel find himself in? What is the broader context of the book of Daniel? (Use a study Bible or a commentary if you need to.)

Does Daniel’s prayer immediately alleviate his bad circumstances? How does Daniel display faithful prayer in the midst of a hostile culture?

**Read Luke 11:5-13 and Romans 8:26-30.** In what ways does Jesus encourage His disciples to pray? What motivations does He appeal to? How do God the Spirit’s assistance and God the Father’s sovereignty give us freedom for a vibrant prayer life?

SERMON NOTES:



LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

What people and things do you pray for regularly? What does this indicate about your heart?



Are there any things you think you should pray for more but don't for some reason? What things? Why?

**Read Luke 11:1-4.** What is meant by the statement: "prayer is the fuel for mission"? How does Jesus' prayer in vs. 2-4 make the most sense in Luke's larger context of Jesus training His disciples to live on mission?



**Read Luke 11:5-13 and Romans 8:26-30 + 12:12.** What factors cause you to lose courage or consistency in prayer? Is your prayer life marked more by cynicism or hope?

How do Jesus and Paul motivate us to pray frequently, consistently and for the long haul?

Spend some time praying for prayer to mark every aspect of your individual and group life. Ask God's Spirit to imprint in your minds a "pray first and work second" mindset.

