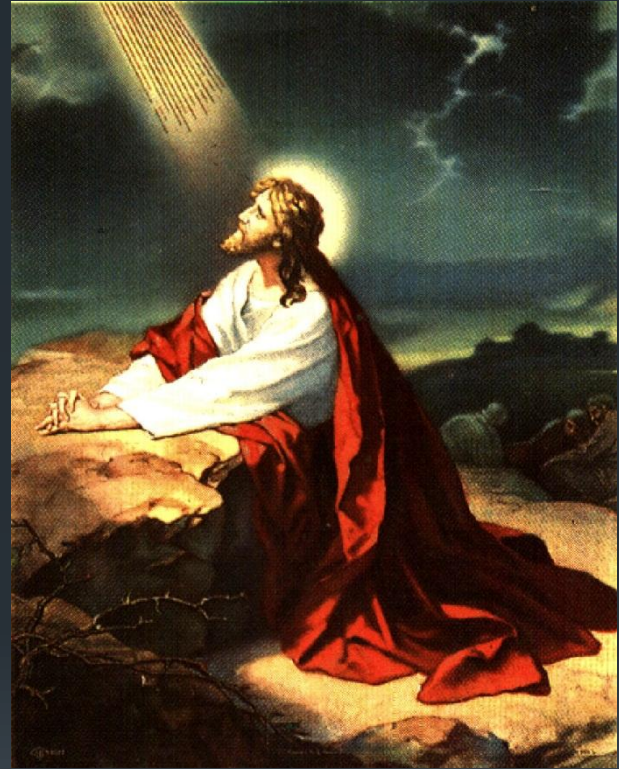


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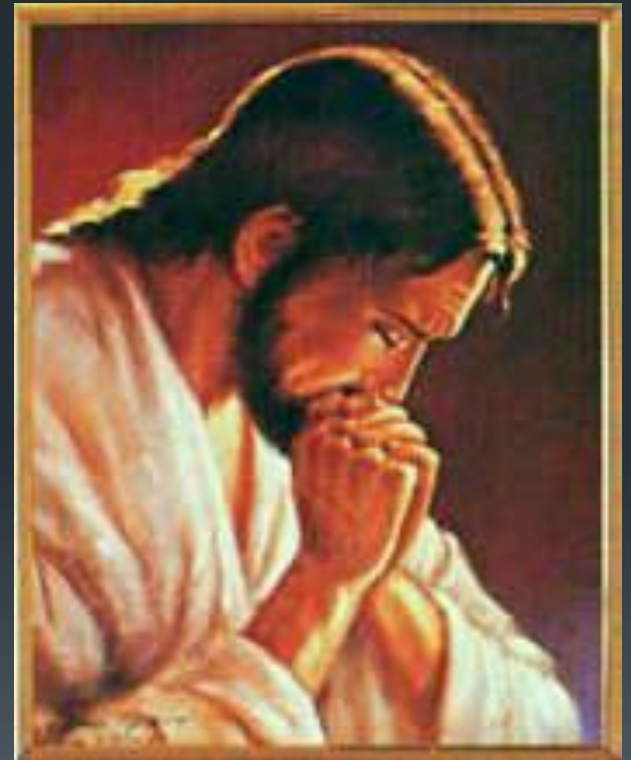


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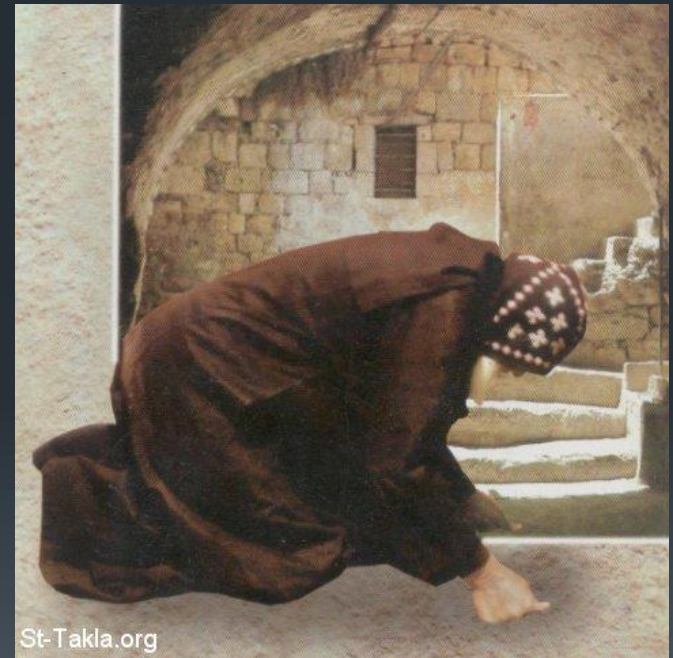
1. Where to start ⁽¹⁾

- The best teacher for prayer is prayer itself: “Lord, teach us to pray” **Luke 11:1**
- Though we know from those who taught us, yet we only perfect prayers through continuous prayers.



1. Where to start ⁽²⁾

- The “inner room” is always the best teacher: “But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place” **Matthew 6:6**



2. Arranging our thoughts ⁽¹⁾

- Prayer above all is an act of worship
- The beginning of it is always about Him
- His Name is to be Hallowed in what we do and how we present Him to others



2. Arranging our thoughts ⁽²⁾

- “Thy kingdom come”: a longing for His coming to rule over everything and a commitment to extend His kingdom over our lives
- “Thy will be done:” a statement of faith and submission to His goodwill



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- The Lord's Prayer is the model for a man seeking FIRST the kingdom of God



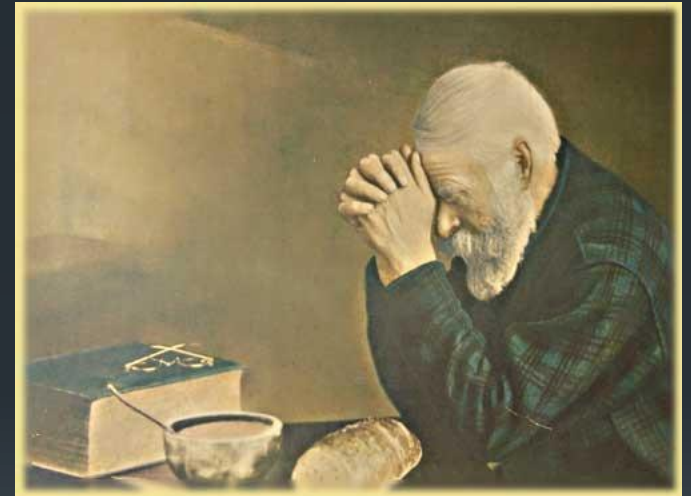
3. The right attitude ⁽¹⁾

- The Lord afterwards told the parable of the man who had a visitor whom he could not feed, so he went asking his friend for three loaves of bread
- The Lord is teaching us here that those who pray are those who are aware of their desperate need



3. The right attitude ⁽²⁾

- Those who comes to their heavenly friend are those who are aware of their poverty and who know that their friend has what they are seeking.



4. Levels of hope ⁽¹⁾

- Those who hold the highest hope that their prayers will be answered are those who go to their “Father”
- Those are the ones who are born of Him, are led by His Spirit and show honor and reverence to Him.



4. Levels of hope ⁽²⁾

- The second level of hope is held by those who come to Him as to a “Friend”.
- The last level of hope comes from “persistence” in asking: “I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs”

Luke 11:8



5. The ultimate gift ⁽¹⁾

- The Holy Spirit working within us is the ultimate gift that we ought to seek: “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him”
Luke 11:13



6. What to remember always ⁽¹⁾

- We ought always to remember that we are praying to not only a loving but a wise Father.
- “If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone?” **Luke 11:11**



6. What to remember always ⁽²⁾

- Our loving Father will never give us a stone when we ask for bread.
- Our wise Father will never give us a stone, when we, in our ignorance, actually ask for one, e.g., the unanswered prayers of Abraham, of Joseph, and of David.



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