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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Year C

Scripture: [Luke 11:1-13](#) [**Summary:** *Jesus Teaches The Lord's Prayer*]

Supplies Needed: No supplies needed

ASK (a.k.a. [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- What are some of the gifts that you've received from your family that you really like and remember?
[*Listen to the answers*]
- Those are all very good gifts!
- Why do you think your family gave those gifts to you? [*Looking for the answers of: "Because I asked/begged/pleaded forever and ever for that gift"; and, "because they care about me"*]

TELL (a.k.a. [The Freeway](#))

- I asked you about receiving gifts because in today's scripture story, Jesus tells the disciples about some of the gifts that God offers us.
- Some of those gifts that Jesus mentions are fulfillment (aka *daily bread*), forgiveness, and God's wisdom (aka *do not bring us to the time of trial*).
- Jesus tells the disciples that God offers these gifts to us for the same reasons why your parents give you gifts. Those reasons Jesus gives are:
 - 1. Because we want these gifts and keep asking God for them.
 - 2. And, because God really loves and cares for us.
- Jesus then tells his disciples that the way to ask God for these gifts and to receive the gifts that God offers is by praying.
- Which is why, in today's story, Jesus teaches the disciples one way to pray.

SHARE the Good News (a.k.a. *The Destination*)

- The prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray in today's story is one version of the prayer we call, "The Lord's Prayer"
- We pray it together in worship every Sunday here at [*name of your church*].
- One of the reasons we pray this prayer every Sunday is because of Jesus' reminder that when we really want something, we should keep asking for it.
- Just like you kept asking your family for some of those great gifts that you were just telling me about, right?
- And, the things that are in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples seem like pretty good things to want.
- So let's close in prayer using the same words that Jesus taught his disciples in today's story – which will be a little different than the Lord's prayer that we are used to hearing.
- And then, before we end the prayer, we'll be quiet for a moment or two to practice listening for how God might respond to us.
- That's the good news for today. Let's pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

CLOSING Prayer

Dear God, hallowed be your name.

Dear God, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us of our sins,

And forgive us of our sins,

As we forgive those who sin against us.

As we forgive those who sin against us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.

[Pause for 10 to 15 seconds]

Thank you and Amen