



**08.20.17 | The Problem with Us and Prayer**  
**Matthew 7:7-11**

**Matthew 7:7-11 (NIV)**

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”

### **Jeremiah 29:11-14a (NASB)**

11 For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

12 Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

13 You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

14 I will be found by you,' declares the LORD...

### **Psalms 37:4 (NASB)**

Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will give you the desires of your heart.

### **Psalms 102:1-2 (NIV)**

Hear my prayer, LORD; let my cry for help come to you.

Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress.

Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly.

### **Psalms 55:1-8 (NASB)**

1 Give ear to my prayer, O God; and do not hide Yourself from my supplication.

2 Give heed to me and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and am surely distracted,

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the pressure of the wicked; for they bring down trouble upon

me and in anger they bear a grudge against me.

4 My heart is in anguish within me, and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

5 Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror has overwhelmed me.

6 I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.

7 Behold, I would wander far away, I would lodge in the wilderness.

8 I would hasten to my place of refuge from the stormy wind and tempest."

### **Matthew 26:39 (NASB)**

And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."

### **Romans 8:26-28 (NIV)**

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called

according to his purpose.

**Psalm 34:8 (NLT)**

Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him!

**Psalm 119:176 (NLT)**

I have wandered away like a lost sheep; come and find me...