With Jesus in the School of Prayer

The Prayer Life of Jesus

But the news about Him was spreading even farther, and large crowds were gathering to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses. 16 But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.
The Prayer Life of Jesus

- No human being was ever closer to God - John 11:41-42; 10:31
John 11:41-42

So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 "I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me."
The Prayer Life of Jesus

• He frequently went off to pray - Luke 5:15-16; 6:12; 9:28; 11:1; 22:41
• No human being was ever closer to God - John 11:41-42; 10:31
• No one is capable of more heart-felt prayer than Jesus’ – Luke 22:44
And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.
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- What would it have been like to be with Jesus and hear him pray?
It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."
Jesus’ Teaching on Prayer

• Pray Like This… (Luke 11:1-4)
• Keep Praying (11:5-10)
• Know the One to Whom you are Praying (11:11-13)
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• Pray Like This… (Luke 11:1-4)
And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.""
Jesus’ Teaching on Prayer

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- Keep Praying (11:5-10)
Then He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and from inside he answers and says, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'"
Luke 11:5-10

8 "I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

10 "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened.
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"Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? 12 "Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? 13 "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?"
Our Perfect Heavenly Father

• His Perfection
  – He is Perfect in Love
  – He is Perfect in Wisdom
  – He is Perfect in Power

• Is My Hope
  – He wants what is best for me
  – He knows what is best for me
  – He can do what is best for me
Romans 8:31-32

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?
Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.
Our Teacher’s Qualifications

• Then
  – The Son of God
  – The Man of Sorrows

• Now
  – Sacrificed, Resurrected and Ascended
  – In Full Sympathy with Us
Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. 16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."
“Take My Yoke Upon You…”

- “Believe that I am He…” (John 8:24)
- “Repent…” (Luke 13:5)
- “Confess Me Before Men…” (Luke 12:8-9)
- “Born of Water and the Spirit…” (John 3:5)
- “… and Learn from Me” (Matt. 11:29)