

Luke 18:9-14;  
Matthew 6:5-15; 7:7-11

Readings this week:

- S Matthew 6:1-18
- M Matthew 7:7-29
- T Matthew 15:1-20
- W Luke 11:1-13
- Th Philippians 4:4-9
- F Luke 18:1-17
- S Ephesians 3:14-21

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds.*  
Philippians 4:6-7

Prayer is an important part of our lives - it is our communication with God. Jesus taught us much about how to pray and when to pray.

Is prayer something you find easy? Share what you think with the others in your class.

Read Luke 18:9-14 together and draw speech bubbles, writing in what the two people said in their prayers.



Who do you think each of the men in Luke 18 were really praying to?

What did each man want from his prayer?

Did they get what they wanted?

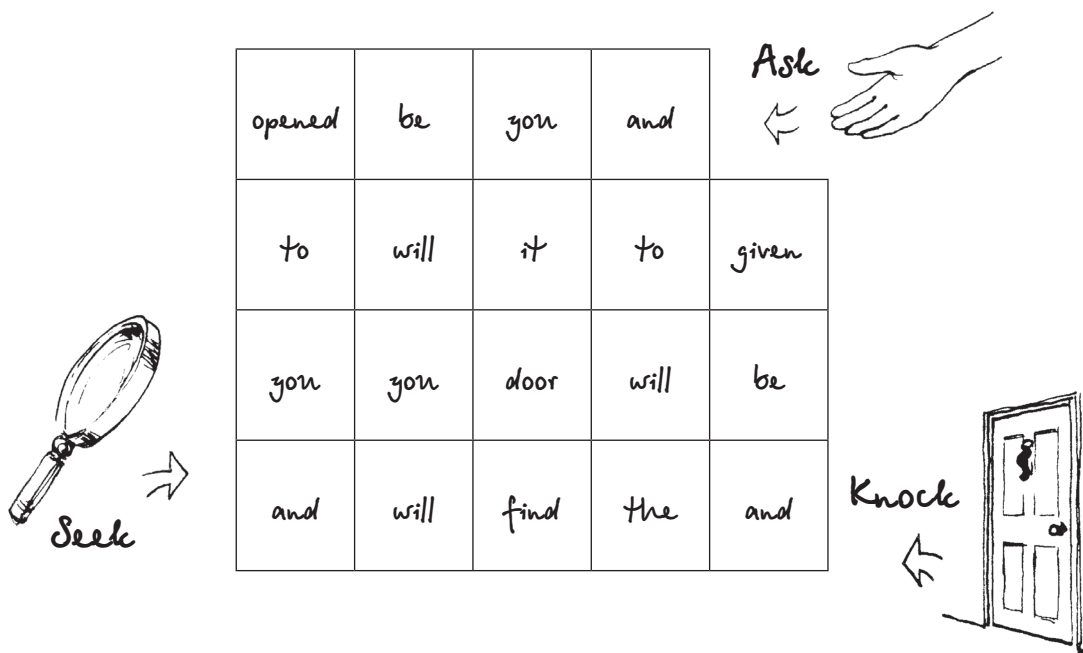
Now look at Matthew 7:7-11. What do these verses tell you about prayer?

Do the verses say that we will always get what we ask for?

Why do you think this is?

Why is it helpful for us to think of God as our Father when we think about prayer?

Track the end of the quotations in the grid. Move one square at a time in any direction to build the sentence.



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to	will	it	to	given
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Seek

Ask

Knock

How often should we pray?

Do prayers always have to be long ones?

Do they always have to be said out loud?

How much is prayer like a conversation with God?

Can you think of any examples of people in the Bible to help you answer these questions?

Hymns and poems are types of prayer. Hymns are one way in which we talk to God as a group while we worship Him.

## Digging Deeper

### What did Jesus mean?

The last three lessons have concentrated on what is known as 'The Sermon on the Mount' (Matthew chapters 5,6 and 7)

As you will have already seen, some of Jesus' sayings are either difficult to understand or difficult to do. Look at these references for some more things Jesus said and in your own words explain to each other or write down an explanation of what Jesus meant.

Matthew 5:6

5:9

5:14-16

5:21-22

6:25-27

7:24-27

Help me to be better at praying to you.