

Karen gives the devotion on “Persistence of Prayer” from Luke 11:1-13

- This prayer appears to be similar to Mathew 6, yet shorter and different.
- This prayer occurs in different place, and with an illustration.
- Are we supposed to keep nagging and nagging? You know he will get the loaf of bread, not because he is a friend, but his persistence.
- Jesus teaches the way to pray is to be persistent. Keep on asking.
- Ask, seek & knock – don’t give up
- Each has a promise: ask to receive, seek to find, knock will open
- Yet James 4:3 gives the balance. Ask something in line with God.
- Hospitality was very important in those days; housing strangers are the norm.
- Steps in prayers:
 - First to Ask-beg, crave, desire
 - 2nd seek-desire, inquire, require
 - 3rd to knock (focus energy on something)
- Therefore pray with passion and emotion, like Hannah in 1 Samuel 1, 15:11, Hebrew 5:9
- God answers those prayers that honor His name & His kingdom, daily needs, against sins. The Holy Spirit teaches us how to pray.
- Examples of persistent prayers – Salvation of our loved ones.