

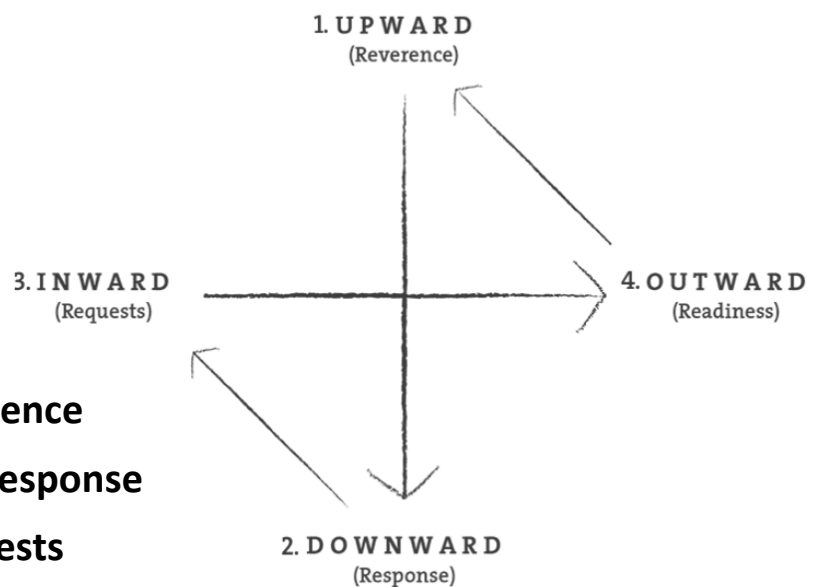
***Sermon Title:* TRANSFORMING PRAYER FOR DUMMIES**

Date: September 22, 2024 - LUKE 11:1-4

Central Idea: The Lord's Prayer is the ultimate pattern of prayer. How is your prayer life?

Introduction:

If Jesus, John the Baptist, and the Twelve all needed to pray, how much more do we need to pray! We must put God's concerns first (Luke 11: 2-4), because prayer is based on sonship, not friendship. God is a loving Father, not a grouchy neighbor; He gives us what we need. He neither slumbers nor sleeps, and He doesn't become irritated when we ask for help (James 1:5).



- 1. The Starting Place: Reverence**
- 2. The Downward Stroke: Response**
- 3. The Inward Stroke: Requests**
- 4. The Outward Stroke: Readiness**
- 5. The Upward Stroke: Reverence**

Conclusion: "One of the marvels of the infinite mind of God is His ability to speak of vast themes in a few words...No set of volumes, no exhaustive themes of great length, no series of teaching or preaching offered by men could ever have captured the fullness of what prayer is, and is to be, as does that profoundly simple model. It sets the standard for all praying. It encompasses all elements in prayer. It's for you, to change your prayer—and more to change your life." –John MacArthur