

# **“How” to Pray: Prayer Parables**

**Luke 11:5-13**

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8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. 9 And I tell 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 the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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"What comes into our mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us. Prayer is an overflow from what we believe in our hearts to be true about God."

- A.W. Tozer

If the Lord's prayer guides the content of our prayer life, then these two parables teach us about our posture and expectations, guiding us in HOW we ought to go to God in prayer.

## **Luke 11:1-13**

- **vss. 1-4:** Teach us to Pray
- **vss. 5-10:** How We Pray: An example from lesser to greater
- **vss. 11-13:** How He will answer: An example for greater to lesser
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## Examples of Jesus Praying Gospel of Luke

- At his baptism (Luke 3:21)
- Jesus prayed continually (Luke 5:16)
- Before he chose the 12 (Luke 6:12)
- Before he asked the 12 if they knew his true identity (Luke 9:18)
- Transfiguration (Luke 9:29)
- After spiritual confrontation and before teaching (Luke 11:1)
- Before he went to the cross (Luke 22:32-46)

7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

— Hebrews 5:7

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For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father! . . . 26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

—Romans 8:15, 26



*“Believe me, if a church does  
not pray, it is dead.”*

*- C.H. Spurgeon*

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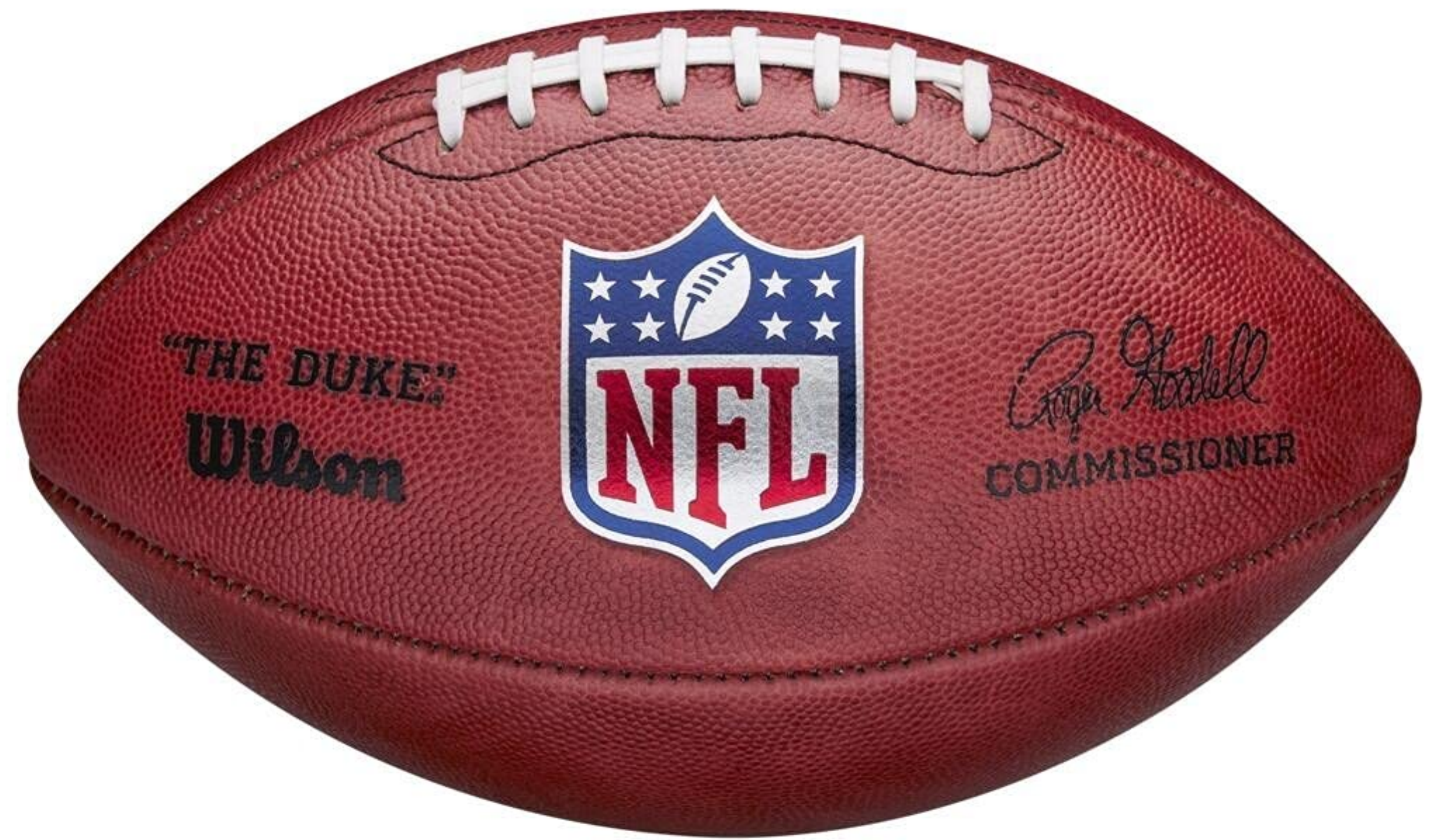
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- We can be bold, confident and expectant in our prayers **BECAUSE** God will answer them.



at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace. .”

—Ephesians 2:12-14a

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