

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 17th SUNDAY YEAR -C-2025:

THIS IS HOW TO DO IT:

We find ourselves in prayer in one way or another. We pray for **anything for everything**. Every culture, religion people of different background have ways and means of expressing themselves to their creator. In the scriptures we see people, prophets, priests, leaders in communication with God in **challenging, difficult and even in good moments**. That connection in looking for an answer is what we term as prayer.

Last Sunday Abraham establishes **connection with the three strangers** whom he hosted nothing did he know one of them was God and **promised him** that the following year he and his wife will have a **child**. Today we see the **confidence and trust which God had in Abraham**. God was so displeased with the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah due to their **immorality and corruptions** they had an impending destruction. Abraham got concerned due his nephew Lot who was living there. He started bargaining with God so as to save people. See the **great respect, humility and simplicity** in bargaining, this is a of prayer of **pleading** and negotiation. If God comes down in our times how many cities and people would be in destruction? Don't we need an Abraham to intercede for us in our wild society and world? Do we ever go to deep relationship with God in prayer in **seeking, asking and knocking** in times of extreme **anxieties, difficulties, challenges and even in good times?** How is your prayer life do you ever **plead for others?**

In the gospel (Lk. 11:1-13) Jesus is telling us to be **simple and articulate**. He gives us the **pattern of all prayers in our father**. He is

telling us **ask, seek and knock and you will receive not you might!**. He is telling you to approach God with **confidence, trust and persistence, negotiate and have patience.**

Notice this prayer the items which covers practically everything we need. We are addressing God as our father who is not at a **distance but very close**. we need that **intimacy, humility and patience**. We pray that his name may be **honored, blessed and praised here on earth as it done in heaven**. His kingdom may come upon us to **rule and govern** our human institutions, his **will may be accomplished obediently and lovingly**

The prayer moves from fathers **desires to our needs we ask for our daily bread** which ever it is **peace, understanding in our families, church, job seeking healthy, tolerance, patience in relationships and success**. whatever bread you need negotiate with God now. if he feeds the birds of the air what about us who are made in his image? We ask for **forgiveness for each other as we are weak human beings subject to** limitations and shortcomings, principals and differences which will bring frictions. We ask to be **forgiven as we forgive too (Lk. 11:4)** **Do we actually forgive?** we pray that we don't **succumb to temptation but to be rescued from challenges, trials, hardships, violence outbreaks and moral chaos. power of evil and spiritual, poverty.** Let us not be **PROUD TO ASK, LAZY TO SEEK AND TIRED TO KNOCK:**