Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him,

“Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at mid-night and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been shut, and my children are in bed, I cannot起身 give anything.’

read-y been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you an-y-thing.’

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him any-thing be-cause he is his friend, at least because of his per-sist-ence he will get up and give him what-ev-er he needs.

9 “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be giv-en you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be o-pened for you. 10 For ev’ry-one who asks re-ceives, and ev’ry-one who search-es finds, and for ev’ryone who knocks, the door will be o-pened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake in-stead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scor-pi-on? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your chil-dren, how much more will the heavenly Fa-ther give the Ho-ly Spir-it to those who ask him!”

The Gos-pel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.