Luke 11:1-4
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Prayer is the nearest approach to God & the highest enjoyment of Him that we are capable of in this life.

—William Law
Luke 11:1-4

Prayer is not a way of making use of God; prayer is a way of offering ourselves to God in order that He should be able to make use of us.

—William Barclay
Luke 11:1-4

Prayer is not giving orders. Prayer is reporting for duty.

—Jon Courson
Luke 11:1-4

Thus, from the Biblical viewpoint, when I pray, God does hear and He can act into the cause and effect universe in answer to my prayer. However, God is not a machine. I must not see Him as a vending machine into which I put a quarter and get out a candy bar in a purely mechanical fashion. He is personal, and thus in answering prayer He operates on the basis of what He knows is the best and wisest answer to that prayer, and not just in a mechanical reflex.

—Francis Schaeffer
Luke 11:1-4

Begin with God
Luke 11:1-4

All difficulties in prayer can be traced to one cause--praying as if God were absent.

–Teresa of Avila
Basilique Saint-Denis
Notre Dame de Paris
Luke 11:1-4

Father, hallowed be Your name.   
Your kingdom come.   
Give us each day our daily bread.   
And forgive us our sins,   
For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.   
And lead us not into temptation.
Luke 11:1-4

Communion with God is the one need of the soul beyond all other need: prayer is the beginning of that communion, and some need is the motive of that prayer.

—George MacDonald, *The Word of Jesus on Prayer*
Luke 11:1-4

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?
—Corrie ten Boom