

etc.; who is perfect. Give the Holy Spirit; a gift which includes all other gifts. "It is like giving life to the dead, making possible to him all enjoyments and all powers. It is like giving light to those in the dark, or sight to the blind, revealing all the glories of earth and sky. The good Father who gives this great gift, will not withhold any of the lesser things." (Peloubet.)

DAILY READINGS

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M.—Jesus teaching how to pray, Luke 11: 1-13. T.—"Your Father knoweth," Matt. 6: 5-15. W.—In the name of Jesus, John 16: 23-30. Th.—Gracious promise, John 14: 1-14. F.—Ready to hear, Ps. 145: 8-19. S.—Prayer answered, Isa. 38: 1-8. S.—A strong argument, Rom. 8: 26-32.

Prove from Scripture—That God will answer prayer.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 23. What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer? A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

The Question on Missions—27. How many mission districts are there in Trinidad? There are four districts, each having one or more resident missionaries, namely: Tunapuna, San Fernando, Couva, and Princetown. These centres are connected by railway with one another, and with Port of Spain, the capital of the island.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 251 (Supplemental Lesson); 398; 293; 19 (Ps. Sel.); 395 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 301.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—What parable in last Lesson?

1 What had Jesus been doing? Who made a request of Him? What was it?

2 What may we call God? How should we treat His name? Whose will should we do?

3, 4 Whence comes our daily bread? Who forgives our sins? Who is our great tempter? Who can deliver us from him?

5-8 For what did the friend go at midnight? Why did he not at once get what he asked for? Why did he at last get it?

9-13 What three commands did Jesus give? What three promises did He make? To whom is

God likened? What kind of things will He give? What great Gift is promised?

Seniors and the Home Department—In which other Gospel is the Lord's Prayer given? (Matt. 6: 9-13.) What do the differences in form show?

1-4 Give instances of Jesus' habit of prayer. For what things are we permitted to pray? (Phil. 4: 6.) What should be our chief desire in prayer? (Ch. 22: 42.)

5-8 Where else does Jesus teach importunity in prayer? (Ch. 18: 1-8.) How willing is God to answer prayer? (Isa. 65: 24.)

9-13 Give another promise of the Holy Spirit. (John 14: 16.) Who will help us in our prayers? (Rom. 8: 26.) What is the pledge that God will answer? (Rom. 8: 32.)

THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. Let one man bring back a few nuggets of gold from some valley hidden in the mountains, and crowds will flock to the place from the ends of the earth. Those who have never prayed will wish to do so when they see us kept strong and pure, as Jesus was, by prayer.

2. It is not the geography of our prayers—where they are offered—that counts; nor the grammar of them—the language we use; nor the arithmetic—how long they are; but the spirit of loving trust in God and readiness to do His will; and so, even if we can utter but a few broken sentences, we should not hold back. Heaven has an open ear for an honest heart, but a closed one to the loudest call of the insincere.

3. Suppose a rich man wished to spend a sum of money in helping poor boys to go to college. How foolish to give it to those who care nothing about education! God is too wise to give us things that we care so little for, that we will not ask for them again and again.

4. We, ignorant of ourselves, Beg often our own harms, which the wise gods Deny us for our good; so find we profit By losing of our prayers.—Shakespeare.

5. "My words fly up, my thoughts remain below; Words without thoughts never to heaven go."

6. "Ask, and ye shall receive"—why, this is a blank cheque, with God's own signature, to be filled in by us for an amount sufficient to meet all our needs for time and eternity.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Who in the Lesson sets us an example of prayer?

2. To whom are we like in our need?

3. Why may we be sure that God will answer our prayers?