

## Living Lent | March 2

# Pray: Simply Begin and Begin Simply

---

*[Jesus said,] “Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!*

*In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”*

**Matthew 7: 7-12 (NRSV)**

---

### Encouragement for the Lenten Journey:

Have you ever wondered if your prayers are being heard? In all fairness there probably isn't a one of us who hasn't struggled with our prayer life at some point in time. Some of us have gotten so discouraged that we no longer have a disciplined prayer life. We have convinced ourselves that our prayers are inadequate; that they aren't getting through; and that God is not listening.

A vital, meaningful prayer life doesn't just happen. Prayer is something that you learn and that you grow into. To our knowledge, the disciples never asked how to walk on water, or how to heal, or how to preach. The only written record of them asking how to do something was this, “Lord, teach us how to pray.”

Jesus prayed often. It was His praying that prompted the request from the disciples to be taught. They realized that prayer was a vital and influential part of Jesus's everyday life and His ministry. They were witnesses to the amazing spiritual power that was released in Jesus through the practice of prayer.

Some of us are frustrated and discouraged in our prayer life because we're not certain where to begin. Let me suggest that you simply begin and begin simply. God is not interested in the elaborate nature of your prayers; He just wants to hear from you; anytime, anywhere you want to have a conversation with God. Continue to knock at the door of God's heart. It is our persistence that reveals our hearts greatest desires and needs.

How can we know that God still answers prayer? It is in our belief that God will not fail us where His persistence in reaching out to us, and our persistence in asking, meet in the common desire for His Kingdom to come on earth even as it is in heaven.

In this season of penitence and self-examination, what do you need to grow in your relationship with Christ? What are you searching for in your faith journey? Pray. God is listening. "For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

---

### ***Contributor and Contributing Body of Christ***

Located just a few steps away from the St. Simons Lighthouse, St. Simons United Methodist Church was the first United Methodist Church erected on St. Simons Island after John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodism, preached well over two centuries ago. On 14 December 1941, the St. Simons United Methodist Church sanctuary was dedicated, and today serves as the place of worship for old and young alike. The Reverend Tom Jones is the Senior Pastor at SSUMC, leading the congregation in service to their Community, including Morningstar Children's Home.

---

*It takes a lot of everything to **create home and healing** for the foster children, our neighbors, served at Morningstar Children's Home.*

***We invite you to join others in giving \$1 per day during Lent to help support the needs of the children.***

[\*\*Donate Now\*\*](#)

---

**Day of Service/Stations of the Cross**

## Sign Up For Our Daily Devotionals



## Discover Morningstar Children & Family Services

[Learn More](#)

a sanctuary where **transformative** teaching and **healing** affirms  
our **children** through **real relationships**

Primary Mailing Address  
P.O. Box 370  
Brunswick, GA 31521

Brunswick Counseling Center  
220 Santo Domingo Drive  
Brunswick, GA 31525

Perry Counseling Center  
402 Courtney Hodges Blvd, Ste 201  
Perry, GA 31069

Morningstar Residential Campus  
1 Youth Estate Drive  
Brunswick, GA 31525

[morningstarcfs.org](http://morningstarcfs.org) | [@morningstarcfs](https://www.facebook.com/morningstarcfs)  



Morning Star CFS | 1 Youth Estate Drive, Brunswick, GA 31525

[Unsubscribe lcrawford@morningstarcfs.org](mailto:lcrawford@morningstarcfs.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by [livinglent@morningstarcfs.org](mailto:livinglent@morningstarcfs.org) in collaboration  
with



Try email marketing for free today!