

**Dear Father, as we learn from our story today, please teach us to pray -- and teach us to be patient and persistent in prayer. If we desire good things, remind us that we need to pray and pray again. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

**Scripture Luke 18: 1-8**

**One day Jesus told a story about a woman who went to a judge. At first, the judge refused to do anything, but the woman kept asking him. Finally, the judge said, "This woman is bothering me. I will see that she gets her rights, or she will bother me until I am worn out!"**

**After Jesus finished the story, he said, "Learn a lesson from the judge. God's people cry to him night and day. God will always give them what is right, and he will not be slow to answer them. I tell you; God will help his people quickly!"**

**Do you know What a judge does?**

**A judge helps people know what is fair. Jesus said in the story that the woman said to the judge, "There is a man who is not being fair to me. Give me my rights!"**

**Have you ever found yourself in a situation that was so hard that you just wanted to give up? Maybe you were having trouble with your schoolwork. Perhaps you and a friend had a disagreement and you just couldn't seem to work it out. Or maybe one of your classmates kept being unkind to you.**

**What Jesus wants us to learn from this story is that God, our Heavenly Father, loves us and wants to do nice things for us. He wants what is best for us and he has the wisdom to know what is best.**

**But don't forget, God likes to hear us ask, not just once, but again and again. He doesn't want us to ask once and then give up!**

**We should pray without ceasing. For an example if you are praying for a friend to know Jesus, never stop praying for them, even though you think they may not be listening God is hearing your prayer and working in their lives, so keep praying. God is good and always does what is best.**

### **Prayer**

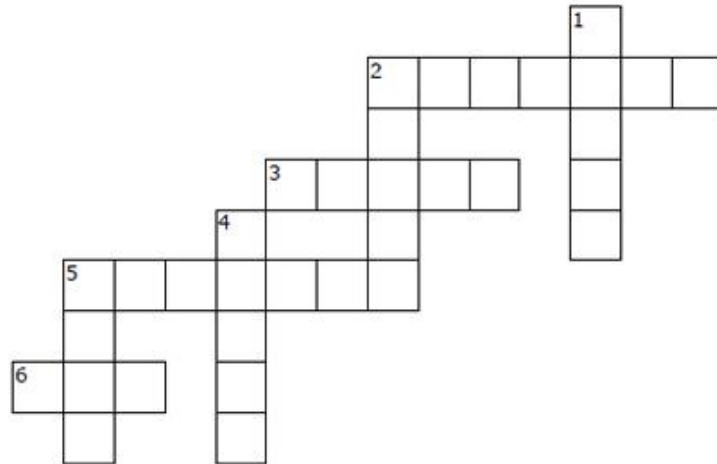
**Dear God, you can give us anything we ask. But we know that would not be good for us. Help us to trust you. Give us what we need and make us very thankful. Help us to remember to pray for Your world, and to pray for others as well as for ourselves. Help us to keep praying, Amen**



# Keep On Praying

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)



## ACROSS

2. To be treated fairly
3. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried
5. A simple story illustrating a moral or religious lesson
6. The period from sunrise to sunset (light)

## DOWN

1. The period between sunset and sunrise (darkness)
2. An official who hears and decides cases brought before a court of law
4. A belief that does not require proof
5. To speak to or make a request to God

justice	night	pray	widow
faith	day	judge	parable

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
M	S	D	Y	U	L	N	R	A	F	K	V	E	B	J	C	G	X	H	W	P	Z	O	T	Q	I

1. 21-9-8-9-14-6-13 \_\_\_\_\_

2. 6-26-2-24-13-7 \_\_\_\_\_

3. 5-7-15-5-2-24 \_\_\_\_\_

4. 15-5-2-24-26-16-13 \_\_\_\_\_

5. 8-13-10-5-2-13-3 \_\_\_\_\_

6. 13-9-8-24-19 \_\_\_\_\_

7. 20-26-3-23-20 \_\_\_\_\_

8. 10-9-26-24-19 \_\_\_\_\_

JUSTICE	PARABLE	FAITH	REFUSED
EARTH	WIDOW	UNJUST	LISTEN

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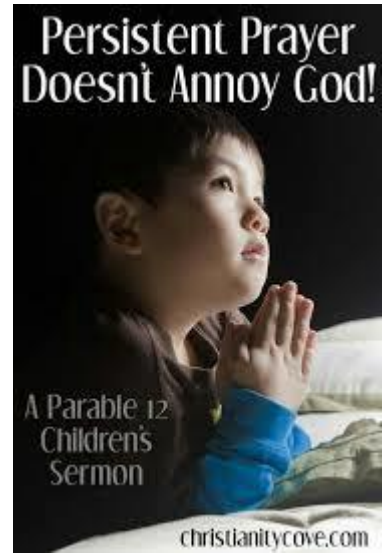


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 T C M M G V O L E H W L U W Q  
 E Y D I G M S A E R F V F I F  
 N D N T O W N N B S L T C C A

UNJUST	LISTEN	JESUS	CHOSEN	DAY
SHOW	LORD	REFUSED	DISCIPLES	JUDGE
WIDOW	FEAR	NIGHT	PARABLE	PERSISTENT
JUSTICE	WIDOW	TOWN	BOTHER	PRAY



## Colouring Pages





# "Always Pray and Not Faint"

Luke 18:1-8

Below is a picture of a widow who has come to ask for help.  
Complete the picture by drawing the judge too.



**If you do not want to draw the Judge in the picture above, you could write your own prayer. Jesus knows your heart but He still loves to hear from you.**