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# Persevering in prayer





(Luk 11:5) And he said to them,  
"Which of you who has a friend  
will go to him at midnight and  
say to him, 'Friend, lend me  
three loaves,  
(Luk 11:6) for a friend of mine  
has arrived on a journey, and I  
have nothing to set before  
him';



(Luk 11:7) and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'?

(Luk 11:8) I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.





(Luk 11:9) And I tell you, ask,  
and it will be given to you;  
seek, and you will find; knock,  
and it will be opened to you.

(Luk 11:10) For everyone who  
asks receives, and the one who  
seeks finds, and to the one who  
knocks it will be opened.



(Luk 11:11) What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;

(Luk 11:12) or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?





(Luk 11:13) If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



(Luk 11:8) I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his **impudence** he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

*Impudence or Persistence  
(lack of sensitivity to what is proper)*





## Persevering in prayer:

**“The capacity to continue to bear up under difficult circumstances, with a hopeful fortitude that resists weariness and defeat”**



**Persevering in prayer:**

**But how does this look  
practically?**





(Psa 55:1) Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

(Psa 55:2) Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan,

(Psa 55:3) because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me.

(Psa 55:4) My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me.



(Psa 55:5) Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.

(Psa 55:6) And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;

(Psa 55:7) yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness; Selah.

(Psa 55:8) I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest."





(Psa 55:9) Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues; for I see violence and strife in the city.

(Psa 55:10) Day and night they go around it on its walls, and iniquity and trouble are within it;

(Psa 55:11) ruin is in its midst; oppression and fraud do not depart from its marketplace.

(Psa 55:12) For it is not an enemy who taunts me— then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me— then I could hide from him.



(Psa 55:13) But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.

(Psa 55:14) We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng.

(Psa 55:15) Let death steal over them; let them go down to Sheol alive; for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart.





(Psa 55:16) But I call to God, and  
the LORD will save me.

(Psa 55:17) Evening and morning  
and at noon I utter my complaint  
and moan, and he hears my voice



# Persevering in prayer:

## 1) Petition (v1-17)





(Psa 55:18) He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me.



## Persevering in prayer:

- 1) Petition (v1-17)
- 2) Peace (v18)





Another example of when the  
burden lifts

(Psa 57:1) ...in the shadow of your  
wings I will take refuge, till the  
storms of destruction pass by.



(Psa 55:19) God will give ear and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old, Selah. because they do not change and do not fear God.

(Psa 55:20) My companion stretched out his hand against his friends; he violated his covenant.

(Psa 55:21) His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords





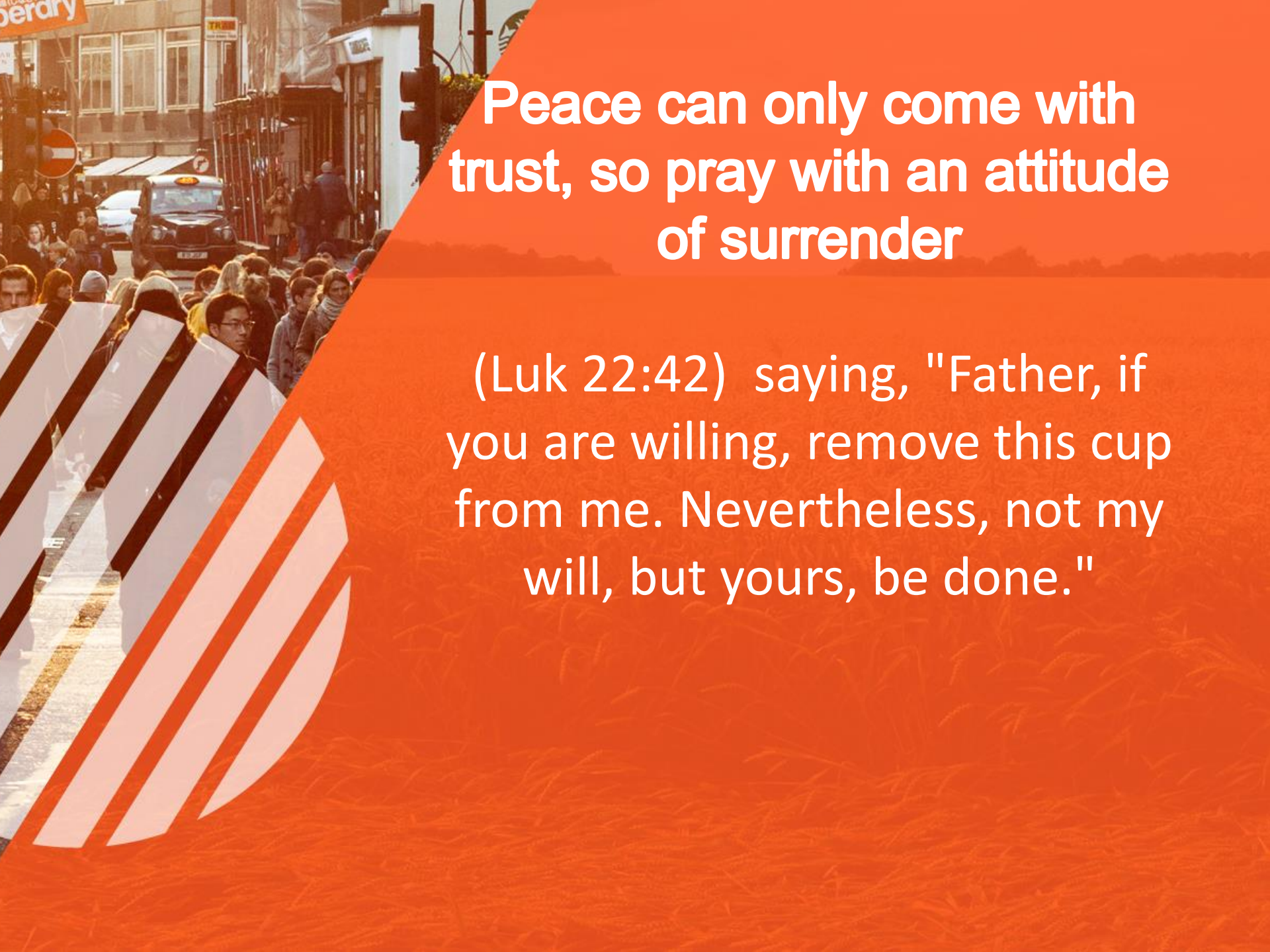
(Psa 55:22) Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.



# Persevering in prayer:

- 1) Petition (v1-17)
- 2) Peace (v18)
- 3) Praise (v22)



A busy city street scene with a crowd of people and a taxi, overlaid with a large orange graphic containing text.

**Peace can only come with  
trust, so pray with an attitude  
of surrender**

(Luk 22:42) saying, "Father, if  
you are willing, remove this cup  
from me. Nevertheless, not my  
will, but yours, be done."



**God hears the prayers of his  
People:**

**Yes: thank you Lord**

**No: Father you know best**

**Not now: Lord prepare me**























