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Have you ever felt like that you cannot go to God in prayer because of sin in your life, or some other failing?

**Luke 18:10-14**

## Jesus Prayer

- "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."
- "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God" is our proclamation of our faith.
- "Have mercy on me" acknowledges our need for God's help.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:17 NLT**

-In one sense we cannot "pray without ceasing," because we have other responsibilities.

-We can continually desire God.

- Praying the Jesus Prayer often certainly makes it more difficult to sin!

## It takes faith

- **Hebrews 11:6**
- **Hebrews 11:1**

-You cannot have confidence in your prayers unless you believe that you have access to God's presence – that you belong there.

- **Hebrews 4:14-16**

-Jesus paved the way for us. "Access Granted" to God's presence is available to every child of God.

-Jesus' death, burial and resurrection qualified you. You are a child of God. You belong.

**Matthew 9:9-13**