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A constant help

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Jesus said to His disciples, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 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?' 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. 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. For everyone who asks

receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 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!" (Luke 11: 5-13)

When praying, we must first of all ask God to let us seek and find His Kingdom because God will always grant us the rest of what we ask of Him, that is, what is necessary for our material well-being. Seeking and finding the Kingdom of God is not a simple matter. However, it requires a lot of determination and trust. Therefore, we must not forget to call upon the Holy Spirit who constantly helps guide our actions.