

Praying Like Christ

Father, the more I talk to You,
the more I realize that
 I don't know how to talk to You.
I want to better know how to pray.
I look to Your Son Jesus as my example, and
I hear such beautiful, personal faith in His prayers,
 such trust,
 submission, and
 worship.
But His only prayers I see recorded in the Gospels
 are a few prayed on special occasions,
 intentionally formed for His disciples to hear.
How did He speak to You when
 You and He were alone?
On those occasions when He prayed all night,
 what did He say?
 What did You talk about?
I wish I knew what He said.

But, Father, You show me that
Jesus helps our prayers in
 far greater ways than this.

When His disciples asked Him how to pray,
He gave a short prayer that
 models how we are to speak to You.
Through that prayer,
He taught us to speak to You
as a child speaking to his or her Father,
 simply,
 honestly,
 trustingly,
 with our hearts turned to You.

My Father, help me to pray like Your Son,
 Jesus Christ.