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## Pope's Quotes: Courageous prayer

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My favorite quotes from Pope Francis:

How do we pray? Do we pray piously and calmly out of habit or do we place ourselves courageously before the Lord to ask for grace, to ask for what we are praying for? Prayer that is not courageous is not real prayer. Jesus tells us: '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.'

Then Pope Francis stopped and said: 'And then we expect to hear 'he will give good things to you' but no, he doesn't say that! He says that he will give 'the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!' And this is something tremendous.'

The Pope's Mass at Santa Marta, Oct. 10, 2013

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