

Jesus Prays

Matthew 26:36-46 - *Jesus Prays in Gethsemane*

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." 37 And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee (James and John), He began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me."

39 And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." 40 And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

42 Again, for the second time, He went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done." 43 And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

44 So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. 45 Then He came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand."
(*Read also: Mark 14:21-42, Luke 22:40-46*)

Jesus Prays During His Ministry

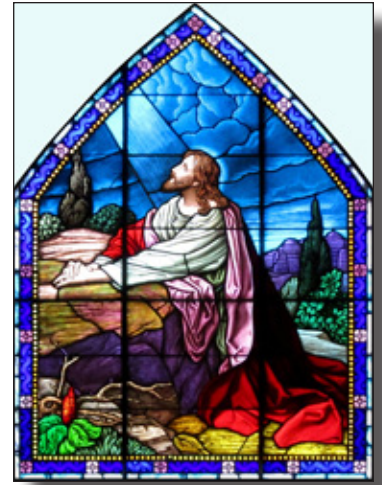
Luke 5:15-16 ~ But now even more the report about Him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear Him and to be healed of their infirmities. 16 But He would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

Luke 6:12-13 ~ In these days He went out to the mountain to pray, and all night He continued in prayer to God. 13 And when day came, He called His disciples and chose from them twelve, whom He named apostles.

Luke 9:28-29 ~ He took with Him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And as He was praying, the appearance of His face was altered, and His clothing became dazzling white.

Jesus Prays on the Cross

Luke 23:46 ~ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!"



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

A Closer Look: *Jesus Prays in Gethsemane*

1. On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus took his disciples to a nearby garden to pray. How did Jesus say He felt? *(He said He was sorrowful, even unto death.)*
2. Which 3 disciples did Jesus take a bit farther into the garden? *(Peter, James and John)*
3. Why did Jesus take the disciples along? *(To watch with Him. To be with Him as He prepared for His upcoming torture and death.)*
4. Why was Jesus upset with the disciples? *(They fell asleep)*
5. How many times did Jesus pray? *(Three)*
6. What did Jesus ask His Father to do? *(My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me.)*
7. If Jesus knew He was going to suffer and die, why did He pray? *(He prayed for strength. He prayed for the Father's will to be done.)*
8. How did Jesus end each prayer? *(Your will be done)* What does this mean? *(Jesus was saying that He was willing to do whatever His Father wished for Him to do.)*
9. Name a time when you asked others to pray with you. How did these prayers give you strength?
10. How do you feel when God answers your prayer in a different way than what you had in mind? Do you trust God's love for you enough to pray, "Your will be done?" What well-loved prayer includes this statement? *(The Lord's Prayer)* As you pray this prayer, prepare your heart to be willing to do God's will.