
Praying Like Jesus

“Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach US to pray, as John taught his disciples” (Luke 11:1, ESV).

“He who says he abides in Him (Christ) ought himself also to walk just as He walked” (1 John 2:6).

“He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to PRAY just as He PRAYED.”

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- Jesus often went to a solitary place to pray.
 - “He went out to a **solitary place** and there He prayed” (Mark 1:35).
 - “He went up on the mountain **by Himself** to pray” (Matthew 14:23).
 - “He...often **withdrew into the wilderness** and prayed” (Luke 5:16).
 - “He was **alone** praying” (Luke 9:18).
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- Jesus MADE time for prayer.
 - “Having risen a LONG WHILE before daylight...” (Mark 1:35).
 - Difference in this and praying as we have time, or as we can find the time.
 - Busy life no excuse for not spending time with God.
 - Get up early, stay up late, skip lunch, etc.
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- Jesus had a LOT to pray about.
 - “Continued ALL NIGHT in prayer to God” (Luke 6:12), the night before He selected His apostles.
 - If He prayed often and all night...
 - If we did nothing but give thanks...
 - Daily bread, strength for temptation, forgiveness, help with children, increased faith, love, for elders, deacons, preachers, rulers, sick, suffering, etc.
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- Jesus was intimately acquainted with the One to whom He prayed.
 - Wouldn't this help Jesus pray all night?
 - Advantage over us, but what's to stop us from knowing Him better?
 - “As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father” (John 10:15).
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- Jesus prayed with thanksgiving.
 - Examples: Matthew 11:20–26; 15:32–36; 26:26–28; John 11:38–42.
 - For revealing His will to “babes”; for food; for the bread and the cup, for the Father always hearing Him.
 - Same thing we are taught to do in Philippians 4:6: “In everything by prayer and supplication, **with thanksgiving**, let your requests be known...”
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- Jesus prayed that the Father's will, not His, be done.
 - Matthew 26:36–44.
 - Not always easy, is it? (chronic illness, someone clinging to life, etc.).
 - 1 John 5:14–15.
 - “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10).
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- Jesus prayed earnestly, fervently.
 - It's what He teaches us to do: Colossians 4:2, 12; James 5:16, but He also shows us what it looks like.
 - “In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety (other translations have “reverence” or “godly fear”) (Hebrews 5:7, NAS).
 - Father did not save Him from death, but...
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- Jesus prayed with confidence.
 - “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me...” (John 11:41–42).
 - Hebrews 4:14–16; James 1:5–8.
 - Are we able to have this same degree of confidence?
James 5:16.
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- Jesus prayed for others as well as for Himself.
 - “But I have prayed **for you**, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren” (Luke 22:32).
 - John 17: for Himself, His apostles, those who would believe on Him through the words of the apostles.
 - Even for His enemies. Remember a specific example?
 - “Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you” (1 Samuel 12:23).
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Conclusion

- Isaiah 49:1–2, 5, 8; 50:6–7.