

# PRAYER THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

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## Mark 14:26, 32-42 (NLT)

<sup>26</sup> Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>32</sup> They went to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and Jesus said, “Sit here while I go and pray.” <sup>33</sup> He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed. <sup>34</sup> He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

<sup>35</sup> He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by. <sup>36</sup> “Abba, Father,” he cried out, “everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”

<sup>37</sup> Then he returned and found the disciples asleep. He said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Couldn’t you watch with me even one hour? <sup>38</sup> Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

<sup>39</sup> Then Jesus left them again and prayed the same prayer as before. <sup>40</sup> When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn’t keep their eyes open. And they didn’t know what to say.

<sup>41</sup> When he returned to them the third time, he said, “Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But no—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Up, let’s be going. Look, my betrayer is here!”

## WHAT MADE JESUS’ PRAYER SO POWERFUL?

### 1. HE PRAYED PERSISTENTLY.

*“He went on a little farther and fell to the ground.” (Mark 14:35, NLT)*

*“Then Jesus left them again and prayed the same prayer as before.” (Mark 14:39, NLT)*

*“So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again.” (Matthew 26:44, NLT)*

*“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7–8, NLT)*

### 2. HE PRAYED PASSIONATELY.

*“He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”” (Mark 14:34, NLT)*

*“He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.” (Luke 22:44, NLT)*

*“My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me...” (Matthew 26:39, NLT)*

*“Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed, “My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it...” (Matthew 26:42, NLT)*

### **3. HE PRAYED PURPOSEFULLY.**

*“And He said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for You...not what I will, but what You will.” (Mark 14:36, NKJV)*

*<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “Now the time has come for the Son of Man\* to enter into his glory.*

*<sup>24</sup> I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care*

*nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. <sup>26</sup> Anyone who wants to be my disciple must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me. <sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is deeply troubled.*

*Should I pray, ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But this is the very reason I came!*

*<sup>28</sup> Father, bring glory to your name.” (John 12:23–28, NLT)*

**ACTION PLAN**  
**GIVE 1-DAY**  
**PRAY AND INVITE**