



SEEING JESUS MORE CLEARLY

PRAYER IN HIS
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THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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BIG IDEA:

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INTRODUCTION

Luke records nine prayers of Jesus, only two of which are recorded in the other Gospels. Luke emphasizes the importance of prayer in Jesus' life and ministry. Jesus teaches us that prayer keeps us connected. Let's take a brief survey of Jesus' prayer life as presented in Luke's Gospel to discover ways we can experience the spiritual and practical benefits of prayer.

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 5:15-16; Luke 6:12-13a; Luke 22:31-32; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1; Hebrews 7:25; Luke 23:24; Matthew 5:43-45a; Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6

DIVING INTO THE MESSAGE

1. JESUS PRAYS AND RECEIVES STRENGTH FOR EVERYDAY LIFE.

One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.

Luke 3:21-22 NLT

Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Luke 5:15-16 NLT

WE CAN PRAY TO RECEIVE STRENGTH FOR EVERYDAY LIFE.

2. JESUS PRAYS AND RECEIVES INSIGHT FOR BIG DECISIONS

One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night. 13 At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles.

Luke 6:12-13a NLT

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3. JESUS PRAYS FOR PETER AND JESUS IS PRAYING FOR YOU (IF YOU ARE HIS.)

Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. 32 But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.

Luke 22:31-32 NLT

Jesus “is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.”

Romans 8:34

Jesus is our “advocate with the Father.”

1 John 2:1

Jesus “always lives to intercede” for us.

Hebrews 7:25

4. JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS PERSECUTORS.

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Luke 23:24 NLT

You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. 44 But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! 45 In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven

Matthew 5:43-45a NLT

**WE ARE INSTRUCTED TO PRAY FOR OUR “ENEMIES” AND THOSE WHO
“PERSECUTE” US.**

• JESUS TEACHES US HOW TO P.R.A.Y. THROUGH THE MODEL PRAYER.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” 2 Jesus said, “This is how

you should pray: “Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. 3 Give us each day the food we need, 4 and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And don’t let us yield to temptation

Luke 11:1-4 NLT

PRAISE - “Father, may your name be kept holy.”

RETURN - “May your Kingdom come soon.”

ASK - “Give us each day the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And don’t let us yield to temptation.”

YIELD - “For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.”
Matthew 6:13b KJ21

CONCLUSION

In order to see Jesus more clearly, prayer is NOT optional. As His followers, prayer is a powerful means we have been given to connect to God and experience His work in and through us. With His help, commit to praying like he did while on planet earth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you characterize your prayer life?
2. What did Jesus do before choosing the 12 Apostles? How much time did he invest in prayer prior to choosing? Do you think the length of our prayers matter? Why/why not?
3. How does it encourage you to realize that Jesus is praying for you?
4. Why do you think Jesus instructs us to pray for our enemies? Do you have a personal example of you have prayed for an “enemy” or someone who has “persecuted” you?
5. How can you use the Model Prayer and the PRAY acrostic to guide you in your prayer life?