

God Prays!?

Mark 14:32-42 the prevailing power of prayer

Why pray? What is the purpose?

Jesus is God yet prayed?! What does Jesus' prayer life teach us?

How many of Jesus' prayers does scripture record?

Comparing the 4 Gospel accounts, what do we learn from Jesus' prayer in the garden?

How faithful and valued is prayer in your life?

Did Jesus' prayer work? How do you respond to people who say prayer doesn't work?

IF you struggle with prayer? Why?

What do you think of these statements?

Jesus' ultimate sacrifice was possible because of His prayer

Prayer is actually a heart issue, prayerlessness is due to not yielding our hearts to His

Is your prayer life dominated by "getting" or other? If you're not instantly aware of the 'other', you likely have a real problem

Mar 14:32-42 And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." 33 And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. 34 And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." 35 And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36 And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." 37 And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? 38 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 39 And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. 40 And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. 41 And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."



God Prays??

IF God practices, enjoys, wants/Needs prayer, how can we NOT?!

When Jesus prays...

- Matthew 11:25-26; Luke 10:21, 22 – Thanking the Father
- John 11:41-43 – Thanking the Father, Raises Lazarus!
- John 12:27 – my soul troubled...glorify your name ...
- John 17:1-26 – Priestly prayer...not praying for the world

Jesus – who is God, Prays!?

John doesn't record the prayer in the Garden BUT records 3 prayers in a row Jn.11, 12, 17, before the garden! In each of these He prays for Gods glory! Jn.18 is when He is in the Garden

Many of the above prayers were answered immediately

[Mat 11:25-26 ESV] 25 At that time **Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father,** Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

[Luk 10:21 ESV] 21 **In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father,** Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

[Jhn 11:41-42 ESV] 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I

thank you that you have heard me. **42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.**“ (Not just about Lazarus!)

[Jhn 12:27-29 ESV] 27 **"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'?** But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 **Father, glorify your name."** Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

[Jhn 17:1-26 ESV] 1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. 6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 **I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.** 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not

of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. 20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

[Mat 26:36-46 ESV] 36 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, 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."

[*\(Mar 14:32-42; Luk 22:39-46\)*](#)

[Mat 27:46 ESV] 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

[Luk 22:44 ESV] 44 And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

[\(Mat 26:36–46; Mar 14:32–42; Jhn 18:1\)](#)

Prayers NOT answered. NOT praying for the World

“When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.” – James 4:3

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. – Isaiah 59:2

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud, but shows favor to the humble.” – James 4:6

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. – James 1:6

You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. – James 4:2

1Pe 3:7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

[Mic 3:4 ESV] 4 Then they will cry to the LORD, but he will not answer them; he will hide his face from them at that time, because they have made their deeds evil.

[Psa 18:41 ESV] 41 They cried for help, but there was none to save; they cried to the LORD, but he did not answer them.

[Pro 1:28 ESV] 28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me.

[Pro 28:9 ESV] 9 If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.

[Isa 1:15 ESV] 15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

[Jer 2:27-28 ESV] 27 who say to a tree, 'You are my father,' and to a stone, 'You gave me birth.' For they have turned their back to me, and not their face. But in the time of their trouble they say, 'Arise and save us!' 28 But where are your gods that you made for yourself? Let them arise, if they can save you, in your time of trouble; for as many as your cities are your gods, O Judah.

[Eze 8:18 ESV] 18 Therefore I will act in wrath. My eye will not spare, nor will I have pity. And though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them."

[Zec 7:13 ESV] 13 "As I called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear," says the LORD of hosts,

[Jhn 9:31 ESV] 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.



Jesus Shows: The Perfect Practice of Prayer

One reflection of the Perfect Man Christ our Savior is found in Luke's record of nine occasions when Jesus prayed:

- At His baptism (Luke 3:21);
A Prayer Of Consecration
- After a day of miracles (Luke 5:15-16);
A Prayer Of Strength
- Before choosing His disciples (Luke 6:12);
A Prayer Of Guidance
- Before the first prediction of His death (Luke 9:18);
A Prayer Of Encouragement
- On the Mount of Transfiguration (Luke 9:29);
A Prayer Of Worship
- Before teaching the disciples to pray (Luke 11:1);
A Prayer Of Wisdom
- When the seventy returned with their report (Luke 10:21);
A Prayer Of Insight
- In the garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-46);
A Prayer Of Victory
- On the cross (Luke 23:34, 46).
A Prayer Of Obedience

Some of these merely mentioned THAT HE prayed

Only Lukes recordings

Occasions when Jesus prayed in public

1. At His baptism, "Jesus also being baptized and praying" (Luke 3:21).
2. At Capernaum, at the beginning of His ministry, "Rising up a great while before day" (Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16).
3. On the occasion of choosing the twelve apostles (Luke 6:12).
4. After the miracle of the loaves (Mark 6:46).
5. Before Peter's confession of Him as the Christ (Luke 9:18).
6. On the mount of transfiguration (Luke 9:28,29).
7. When He taught His disciples to pray (Luke 11:1).
8. When He raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:41,42).
9. The prayer in view of his sufferings (John 12:27,28).
10. The Lord's prayer (John 17).
11. His intercessory prayer for Peter (Luke 22:32).

12. The prayer in Gethsemane before His sufferings (Luke 22:39-46).
13. His prayer for His murderers when nailed to the Cross (Luke 23:34).
14. At His death, giving up His Spirit to His Father (Luke 23:46).

Matthew 11:25-26

Here, we encounter one of Jesus' prayers of thanksgiving. Jesus addresses the Father: "***I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.***"

Matthew 26:39, 42

We then move to a pivotal moment in Jesus' life – His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. In a heartfelt plea to the Father, Jesus prays, "***O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.***" And again, He prays, "***O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.***"

Matthew 27:46

Our journey through Matthew ends at the cross. Amidst His suffering, Jesus cries out, "***Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?***" which is translated, "***My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?***"

Mark 1:35

"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a deserted place, and there He prayed." Though the specifics of Jesus's prayer aren't recorded here, this verse beautifully captures the essence of His commitment to prayer.

Mark 14:36

In the intense moments in the Garden of Gethsemane, we find Jesus praying: "***Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will.***"

Mark 15:34

At the ninth hour, amidst His crucifixion, Jesus cries out, "***Eloi, Eloi, lama***

sabachthani?” which is translated, **“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”**

Luke 10:21

In this moment of joy, Jesus prays: **“I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.”**

Luke 22:32

As He speaks to Simon Peter, Jesus mentions His prayer for him: **“But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”**

Luke 22:42

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus pleads with His Father: **“Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”**

Luke 23:34

From the cross, Jesus prays for those who are crucifying Him, saying: **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”**

Luke 23:46

In His final moments on the cross, Jesus declares: **“Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.”**

John 11:41-42

In the story of Lazarus’ resurrection, Jesus prays, saying, **“Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.”**

John 12:27-28

As His passion and crucifixion approach, Jesus addresses His Father saying, **“Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.”**

John 17:1-26

Jesus' prayers!

- Matthew 27:46 – on the Cross! - “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” – He didn’t pray ‘Father’ this time
- Luke 23:46 – on the Cross! – Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

7 statements from the Cross, 3 were prayers! All 3 prayers from the cross evoked human responses!! The crowds, the Thief, The centurion,

Interesting when He prayed My God, My God, why have you forsaken me. It's the only time he didn't say Father!

Jesus is STILL PRAYING FOR us!

[Rom 8:26-27, 31, 34 ESV] 26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ... 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ... 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

The Spirit prays

The Father is FOR US!!!

Jesus prays!

NOTHING Can separate us from the Love of God

PRAYER: Jesus Praying in the Garden of Gethsemane



Notice the agony!! Amidst the flowers

Oil Press

Jesus prayed, to overcome temptation and win the victory before He was even arrested!

[Heb 4:15-16 ESV] 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer in “3”s

- Jesus prayed with 11, 3, finally by Himself
- Jesus prayed 3 separate times (Matthew 26:39, 42, 44)
- The disciples were asleep 3x when Jesus checked
- Jesus said 3x “Not my will, but thine”!!
- 2 Corinthians 12:8 – Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me...My grace is sufficient

**Jesus prayed with the Big(whole) group,
the closest 3, small group,
then by Himself**

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[Mat 26:36, 39, 42, 44 ESV] 36 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." ... 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." ... 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." ... 44 **So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words** again.

[Mat 26:36, 40, 43, 45 ESV] 36 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." ... 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?"** ... 43 And **again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.** ... 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.

2Co 12:7-10 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

[Mat 26:40](#) "So, could you not watch with me one hour?"

Samson Failed 3x!!



Notice the Walls of Jerusalem and the Olive trees

Pray...watch...Submit

- Luke 22:40, 46 – And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”
- Matthew 26:38, 41 - ...watch with me. ... Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Pray...watch...Submit

What are we watching for?

Its not saying...Pray that you're NOT tempted, BUT Pray that you don't succumb!

[Luk 22:40 ESV] 40 And when he came to the place, he said to them, "**Pray that you may not enter into temptation.**"

[Luk 22:46 ESV] 46 and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? **Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.**"

[Mat 26:38, 41 ESV] 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ... 41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

[Mat 26:42 ESV] 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."

Repeatedly in the Old Testament, a cup is a powerful picture of the wrath and judgment of God: [Ps 11:6; 75:7-8; Is 51:17, 19, 22; Jer 25:15-16; 49:12; 51:57; Ezek 23:31-34.](#)

Watch, **G1127** - *grēgoreō* [ἐγείρω \(G1453\)](#)

[Mat 24:42-43 ESV] 42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

[Mat 25:13 ESV] 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

[Mat 26:38, 40-41 ESV] 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ... 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."

[Mar 13:34-35, 37 ESV] 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. 35 Therefore stay awake--for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning-- ... 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

[Mar 14:34, 37-38 ESV] 34 And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." ... 37 And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? 38 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

[Luk 12:37 ESV] 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them.

[Act 20:31 ESV] 31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.

[1Co 16:13 ESV] 13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

[Col 4:2 ESV] 2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

[1Th 5:6, 10 ESV] 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ... 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

[1Pe 5:8 ESV] 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

[Rev 3:2-3 ESV] 2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.

[Rev 16:15 ESV] 15 ("Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!")

Pray...watch...Submit

- Matthew 26:42 – “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”





Notice the sleeping 3

[Psa 121:1-5, 7-8 ESV] 1 A Song of Ascents. I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? 2 My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. ... 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. 8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Watch for what?

- The feeling of the Flesh!! (Hebrews 4:15-16; Isaiah 53:3-6)
- Bearing the sins of the world (John 1:29, 1 John 2:2)
- Bearing the shame, open blasphemy of Evil!
(Hebrews 12:2-3)
- Losing the communion of the Father & Son?
(Matthew 27:46; Psalm 22:1)



Jesus KNEW they were coming! He wasn't asking them to watch for the Torch carrying soldiers by night, coming to arrest him!

Watch Yourself!!

What was Jesus most burdened by?

[Isa 53:3-6 ESV] 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

[Jer 17:9 ESV] 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

His human will, escape it all, flee in fear, selfishness

Jesus HATES Sin, yet had it on His back? How can darkness eclipse the Light, even for a moment?

Sinners and Satan wins even for a few minutes? How can a good God Allow Evil? Travesty of justice

Jesus didn't Lose relationship, but it was surely strained. Jesus couldn't be separated from the trinity!

Eternal Damnation! Hell and lake of Fire

The horrors of the crucifixion, the least of them is the only one most people think of!!

[Isa 51:17, 22 ESV] 17 Wake yourself, wake yourself, stand up, O Jerusalem, you who have drunk from the hand of the LORD the cup of his wrath, who have drunk to the dregs the bowl, the cup of staggering. ... 22 Thus says your Lord, the LORD, your God who pleads the cause of his people: "Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of staggering; the bowl of my wrath you shall drink no more;

[Rev 14:10 ESV] 10 he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

[Mat 20:22 ESV] 22 Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able."

[Mar 10:38 ESV] 38 Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

[Jhn 18:11 ESV] 11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

[1Co 11:25 ESV] 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Watch for what?

- Drinking the cup of God's wrath (Isaiah 51:17, Matthew 20:22)
- The physical terrors of the whip and Cross (Hebrews 12:4)





Notice the Serpent, a scene in the Passion

Was there a snake in the garden? Satan?

Why don't all the other artists include him in their presentations?

Satan tempted Jesus, inflaming His fleshly feelings, to follow this human will, his fears and feelings/desires for comfort and escape

Mt.4 Jesus was tempted 3x!! As He began His earthly ministry!! Why wouldn't Satan be tempting Him here? Yet, the biggest struggle was with the flesh!

Adam and Eve were tempted in 3 ways!

[Gen 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

[1Jo 2:16 ESV] 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world--the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life--is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

What Jesus prayed those 3 times

- Matthew 26:39 – 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.”
- Matthew 26:42 – Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done”

Mat 26:39, 42, 44 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.**" ... 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.**" ... 44 So, leaving them again, he went away and **prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.**

Mar 14:35-36, 39 And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and **prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.** 36 And he said, "**Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.**" ... 39 And again he went away and **prayed, saying the same words.**

[Luk 22:42, 44 ESV] 42 saying, "**Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.**" ... 44 And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

[nevertheless](#) = "in spite of that," Always the More!

Jesus' 1st prayer was a request emphasizing the desire to avoid the cup

The 2nd and 3rd were recognizing the cup was unavoidable and emphasized Gods will!

All 3 mentioned and conceded/preferred Gods Will!

What Jesus prayed those 3 times

- Matthew 26:44 – So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.





Notice the CUP of Wrath

Points from His prayers

- Jesus asked his 'Father', 'Abba' – Mark 14:36
- “He fell on His face, Knelt, fell on the ground, being in agony he prayed more earnestly, sweat became like great drops of blood falling, greatly distressed and troubled, My soul is very sorrowful, even to death”
Human, personal, intense, desirous...
- 3x “nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

Jesus' prayers were

Human! Even physical

Personal! Honest. Recognizing the power of the flesh

Passionate/Emotional

Large group, Small group, Private, in 3 phases with breaks

Surrendered to The Lords will

[Luk 22:39 ESV] 39 And he came out and went, **as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives**, and the disciples followed him.

[Luk 22:43 ESV] 43 And **there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.**

[Mar 14:33-35 ESV] 33 And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be **greatly distressed and troubled**. 34 And he said to them, "**My soul is very sorrowful, even to death**. Remain here and watch." 35 And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were

possible, the hour might pass from him.

Mat 26:37-38 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, 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."

[Luk 22:41, 44 And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and **knelt down and prayed**, ... 44 And **being in agony he prayed more earnestly**; and his **sweat became like great drops of blood falling** down to the ground.



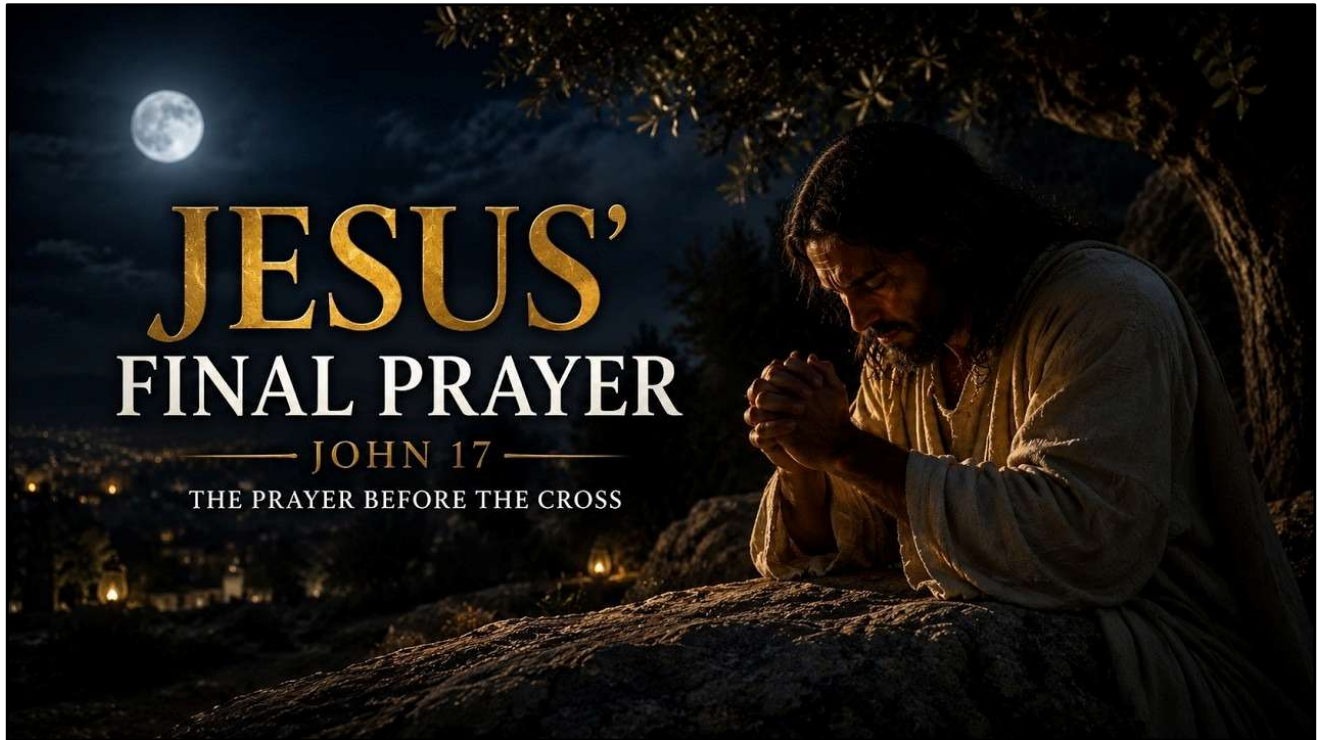
Blood, Sweat and Tears! That's prayer!

The battle against the flesh and the adversary was won by our Advocate!

Thy Will be done!

- Jesus prayed for The Father's glory in John 17
- He fought for it again in Gethsemane! – Mark 14;
John 18:1!
- God's will? He sees the Bigger picture!
- He knows what is best for us!
- We love Him above ourselves!





Final? Well, Incarnational as a mere man, yes.

The picture? This prayer was before they went to Mt of Olives, Upper Room?

[Jhn 17:1-26 ESV] 1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. 6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 **I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.** 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the

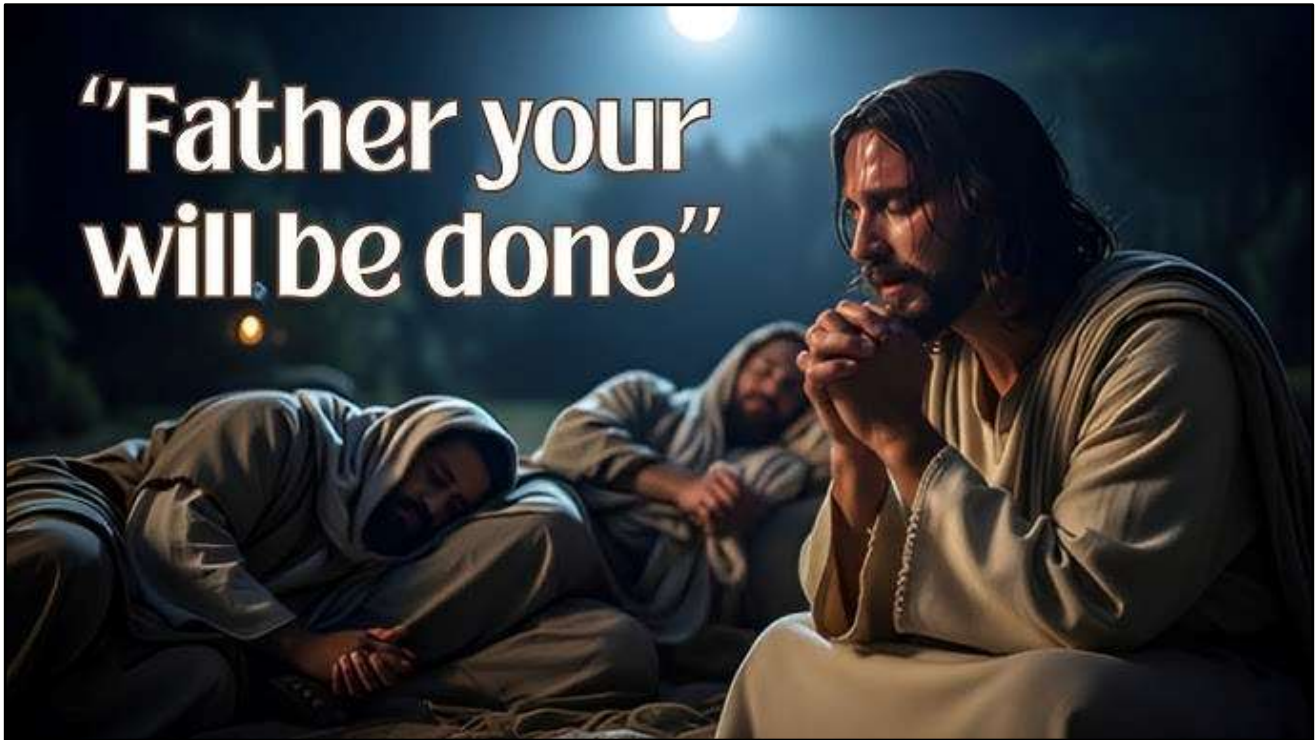
son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. 20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

How is your prayer life?

- Ever pray for an hour?
- Are your prayers more proactive or reactive?
- What percentage of your prayer is for stuff, comfort, personal profit, pleasure, “my Will” ...?
- How much time is spent in Thanks, Confession, Praise/Adoration, Intercession, Asking direction...



IF/When God makes it clear that your request is NOT His will, do you accept it, with joy?



Quest. 1. *What is the chief and highest end of man?*

Ans. Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him for ever.^b

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Prayer is ...

- The tuning fork of God's heart to ours, harmonizing us with His grace and Will
- The interruption of mere Human ambition
- Less about getting our way than Learning His!
- The Soldiers appeal on the radio to HQ! – Ephesians 6:18-20
- A little talk with Jesus, He understands and Cares!

**Until we know that life is war,
We will not know what prayer is for.** John Piper

Prayer is – Supernatural, trans realm communications with the Almighty Creator and Sovereign Lord of the universe



God Answered Jesus' prayer!

NO, The Cup cannot be passed, or removed

YES, I will give you encouragement and strength

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Abba answered Jesus prayer

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It boils down to this simple choice – Jesus escapes Gods wrath, suffering and shame of sin OR Save the Elect for himself. Jesus saw the joy of saving us as more powerful and motivating than escape

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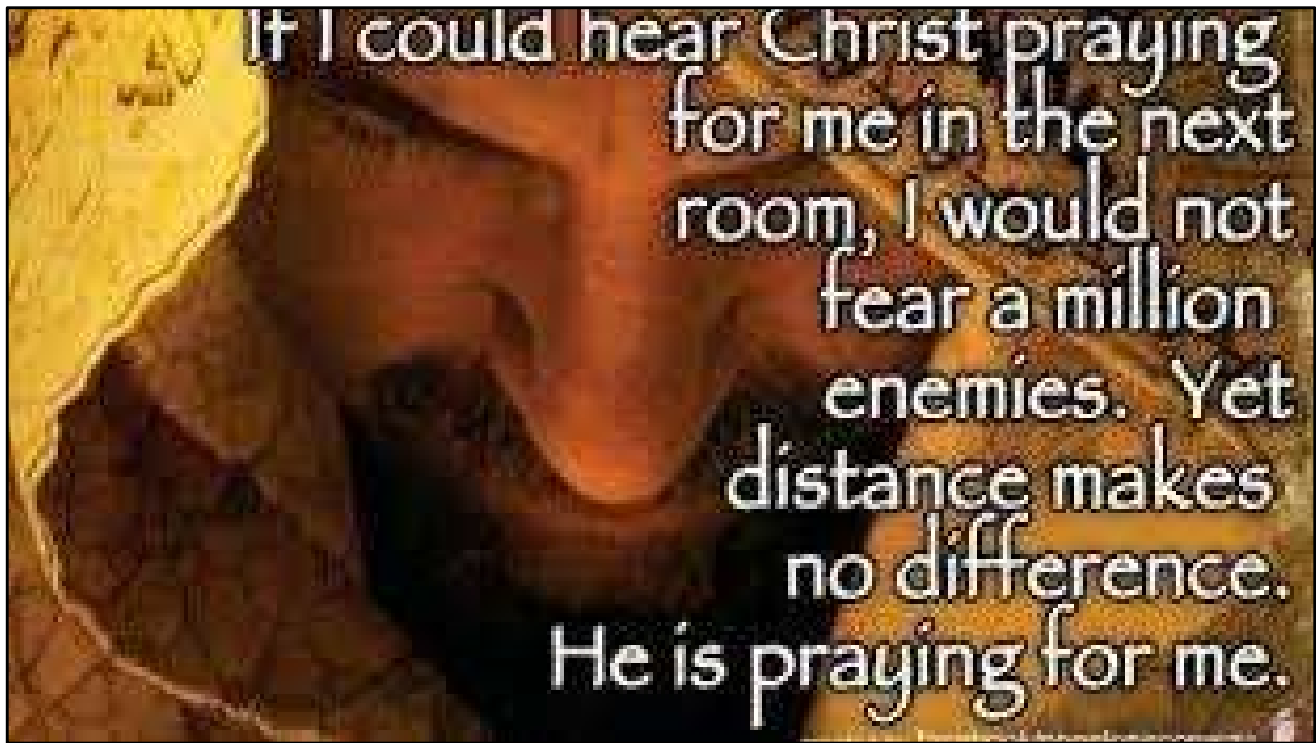
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“If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me. ([Robert Murray M’Cheyne](#) p. 179)

[Rom 8:34](#) Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.



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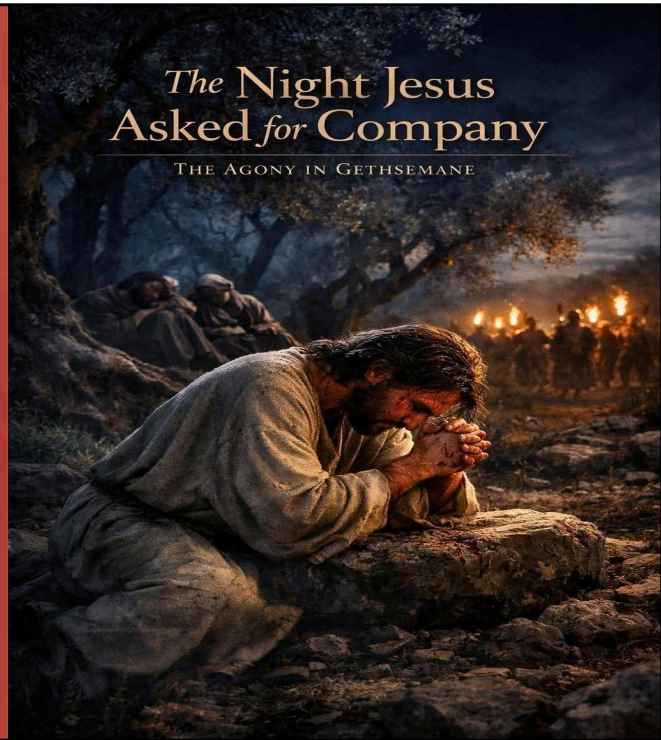
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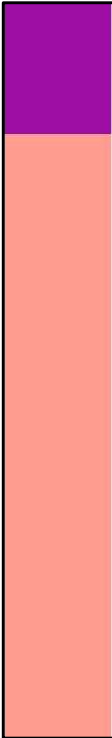
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The Night Jesus Asked for Company

THE AGONY IN GETHSEMANE





"One of the great uses of
Twitter and Facebook will
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- JOHN PIPER



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*Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to
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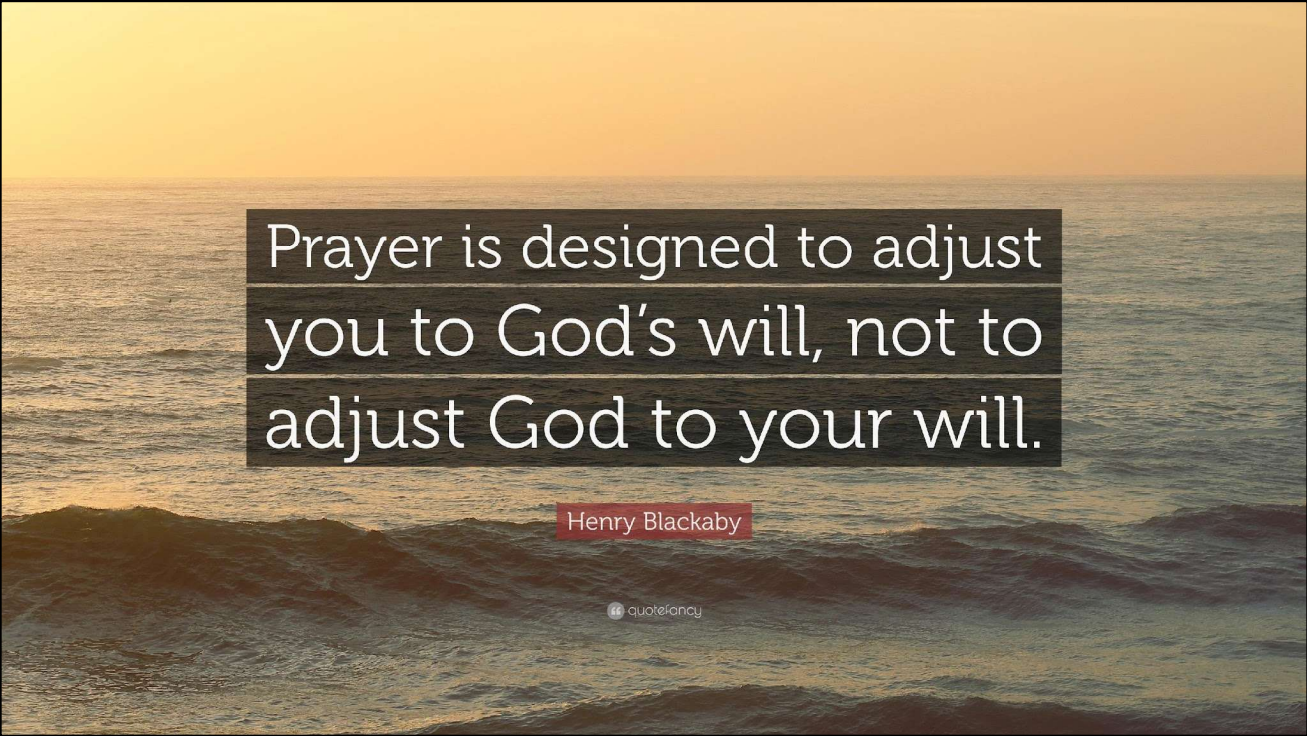
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A sunset over the ocean with a quote overlay. The sky is a mix of blue, purple, and orange, with the sun low on the horizon. The ocean is dark blue with some white foam from waves. There are some rocks in the foreground.

**Prayer does not change God,
but it changes him who prays.**


Soren Kierkegaard

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A photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, transitioning into a darker blue over the water. The waves are visible in the foreground, with white foam. A dark, semi-transparent rectangular box is centered over the image, containing white text.

Prayer is designed to adjust
you to God's will, not to
adjust God to your will.

Henry Blackaby

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Prayer is not for the
enhancement of our comforts
but for the advancement of
Christ's kingdom.

John Piper



**PRAYER IS NOT
OVERCOMING GOD'S
RELUCTANCE, BUT
LAYING HOLD OF HIS
WILLINGNESS.**

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DEAR GOD,
YOUR WILL
NOTHING MORE,
NOTHING LESS,
NOTHING ELSE.

YET NOT MY WILL, BUT YOURS BE DONE.
LUKE 22:42

REMEMBER,
God's will

was for John to be exiled, Paul to
be jailed, Jesus to be executed.

WHY do we assume
God's will for us is to have a
great job, a **happy**
wife, and a **large**
bank account?

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A person wearing a white sweater is shown from the chest down, with their hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue. The text is overlaid on the image.

THE ANGEL FETCHED
PETER OUT OF PRISON.

but it was *prayer* that
fetched the angel.



The Knots Prayer

Dear God:
Please untie the knots
that are in my mind,
my heart and my life.
Remove the have nots,
the can nots and the do nots
that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots,
may nots,
might nots that may find
a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots,
would nots and
should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all,
Dear God,
I ask that you remove from my mind,
my heart and my life all of the 'am nots'
that I have allowed to hold me back,
especially the thought
that I am not good enough.
Amen

Author Known To God

What prayer feels like....



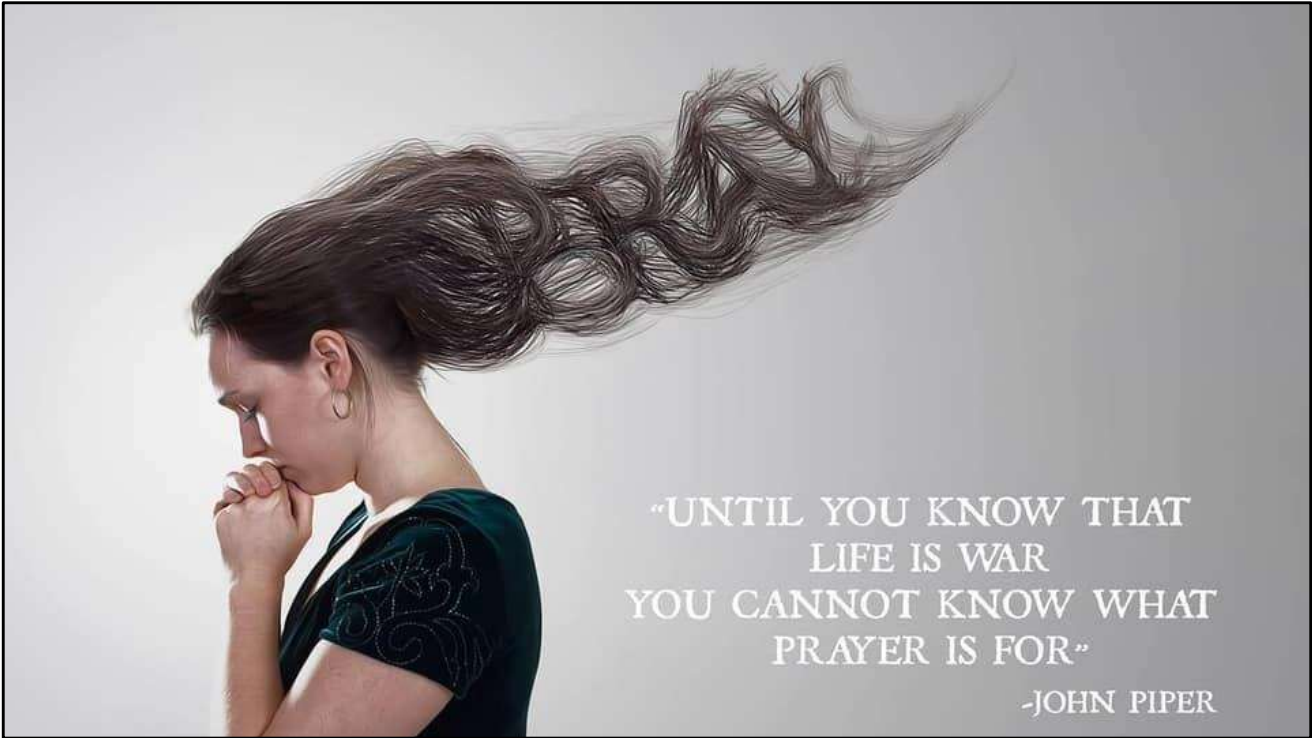
What prayer really is!!!



A Morning Prayer

So far today God, I have done all right. I haven't gossiped. I haven't lost my temper, and haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. And I haven't told anyone to mind his own business and stay out of mine. I'm really glad about that.

But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed; and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot of help.



“UNTIL YOU KNOW THAT
LIFE IS WAR
YOU CANNOT KNOW WHAT
PRAYER IS FOR”

-JOHN PIPER

*Father, if
you are willing,
Take this cup
from me;
yet not
my will,
but yours
be done.*

Luke 22:42











HE KNEW
THE MISSION.
HE PRAYED
THROUGH THE CUP.

No one took His life.
He laid it down.

Grace did not remove
the cup, . . . but it was
enough to drink it.

How often do we resist
what we do not understand,
only to find that grace
was never meant to
remove it, but to
redeem us by it?

"Can ye drink of
the cup that I
drink of?"
—MATTHEW 26:27



"If they laid to the
day of adversity,
thy strength is small."
—PSALM 124:4



"My grace is sufficient
for thee, for my strength
is made perfect in
weakness."
—2 CORINTHIANS 12:9



"We share in His
sufferings so that we may
also share in His glory."
—ROMANS 8:17

Lord, much see what I must bear,
and strengthen me to endure it well.











