

PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

1. **Baptism** - Luke 3:21-23 (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11)
 - Your Observations:
 - Thoughts: Why did Luke record the phrase, “*while He was praying*”

2. **Wilderness Temptation** - (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13)
 - * Prayer is assumed in this section as prayer and fasting are often linked in the New Testament (see Matt. 6:5-18; Luke 2:37; Luke 5:33-35; Acts 13:3; Acts 14:23)
 - Your Observations:

3. **First Tour of Galilee with Simon and Others** - Mark 1:35-39; Luke 4:42-44 (Matthew 4:32-24)
 - Your Observations:
 - Thoughts: What do you notice about Christ’s priorities after comparing Mark 1:32 with 35?

4. **A Way of Life** - Luke 5:15-16
 - Your Observations:

5. **Choosing the Twelve** - Luke 6:12-16 (Mark 3:13-19)
 - Your Observations:
 - Thoughts: This is Jesus’ 1st recorded night in prayer. What is the emphasis here?

6. **Teaching on Prayer in Sermon on the Mount** - Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:28; Matthew 6:5-18
 - Your Observations:
 - Thoughts: When did Jesus’ followers understand and start living lives of prayer?

7. **Prayer for Workers** - Matthew 9:35-38
 - Your Observations:

8. **Attempt to Make Him King** - Matthew 14:22-23; Mark 6:45-46; John 6:14-15
 - Your Observations:
 - Thoughts: Why was this a critical time to go “alone” to pray?

9. **Questioning His Disciples About His Identity** - Luke 9:18-21 (Matthew 16:13-20)

- Your Observations:
- Thoughts: In verse 17 of Matthew 16:13-20, Jesus told Peter that “My Father revealed” His identity to Peter.
*Based upon the context, what then can we assume Jesus was praying for in this prayer?

10. **Dealing with the Demon Possessed** - Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29

- Your Observations:
- Thoughts: To whom is Jesus referring by stating, “O unbelieving generation?” What are the Implications in these verses?

11. **Basis of Forgiveness** - John 7:53-8:11

* Prayer is assumed because he spent the night at the Mount of Olives (Jesus’ prayer place).

- Your Observations:
- Thoughts: Do you think being on the Mount of Olives all night helped Jesus here?

12. **Teaching on Prayer** - Luke 11:1-13

- Your Observations:
- Thoughts: What lessons about prayer does Jesus teach us here?

13. **Prayer for Lazarus** - John 11:40-44

- Your Observations:
- Thought: Why did Jesus want those next to him to hear his prayer?

14. **Persistent Prayer** - Luke 18:1-8

- Your Observations:

15. **Prayer for Children** - Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:16

- Your Observations:
- Thoughts: What was the reason for “touch?” It must be important to pray for children.

16. **A House of Prayer** - Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-48

- Your Observations:

- Thought: What is the difference between a leader who prays and a church that prays?
17. **Instruction on End Times** - Matthew 24:20; Mark 13:18
- Your Observations:
18. **Prayer for Peter** - Luke 22:31-38
- Your Observations:
 - Thoughts: Should we pray for the “faith” of friends to “not fail?”
19. **Prayer of Thanks** - Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-20
- Your Observations:
 - Thoughts: What is the significance of all three synoptic writers including this prayer?
20. **Upper Room Teaching** - John 14:13-14
- Your Observations:
 - Thought: Is this only for the disciples? Why? Or, Why not?
21. **Jesus’ Prayer for His Disciples** - John 17:1-26
- Your Observations:
 - Thoughts: What did Jesus pray for? What did Jesus do for them?
22. **Garden of Gethsemane** - Luke 22:39-46; Matthew 26:30-46; Mark 14:26-42
- Your Observations:
 - Thoughts: Compare Luke 22:39 with John 18:2. How often did Jesus use this place for prayer?
23. **Power of Christ’s Prayer** - Matthew 26:52-53
- Your Observations:
 - Thoughts: Compare with John 14:10-14. What are the implications?
24. **Prayers on the Cross** - Luke 23:34; Matthew 27:45-46; Mark 15:34; Luke 23:46-47; John 19:30
- Your Observations:
 - Thoughts: What were the last things that Jesus prayed about? What was the impact on the Centurion?

ADDITIONAL NOTES and THOUGHTS:

- **Jesus started His ministry with prayer and ended it with prayer!**
- **What did Jesus Leave Behind: Acts 1:12-14; Acts 2:42; Acts 6:4 (see also 4:24-31; 6:4, 6; 9:40; 10:2, 4, 9, 31; 11:5; 12:5; 13:3; 14:23; 16:25; 22:17; 28:8).**
- **How did the Disciples Learn to Pray?**
 1. Jesus modeled: Luke 5:16 *“often withdrew to pray”*
 2. Disciples watched: Luke 9:18 *“praying in private and his disciples were with Him”*
 3. Disciples questioned: Luke 11:1-4 *“Jesus was praying...when He finished one of His disciples said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray’”.*
 4. Disciples Involved: Luke 22:40,46 *“why are you sleeping, get up and pray...”*
 5. Disciples Initiating: Acts 1:14 *“they all joined together constantly in prayer...”*
- **Reputation Jesus left behind:**

Hebrews 5:7 *During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.*
- **Model (Luke 11:1-13)**

God’s Paternity: “Our Father”

 1. **GOD’S GLORY**
 - God’s Person: “Hallowed Be Your Name”
 - God’s Program: “Your Kingdom Come”
 - God’s Purpose: “Your Will Be Done”
 2. **GOD’S FAMILY**
 - God’s Provision: “Give Us Our Daily Bread”
 - God’s Pardon: “Forgive Us Our Sins”
 - God’s Protection: “Do Not Lead Us Into Temptation”
- **Summary**

2 Peter 1:2-3 *Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.*

OTHER RECORDED EXAMPLES OF PRAYER

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| ☐ Servant for Isaac’s Wife | Gen. 24:12-14 |
| ☐ Jacob for Esau | Gen. 32: 9-12 |
| ☐ Moses for Israel | Deut. 9:26-29 |
| ☐ Manoah for Samson | Judges 13:8 |
| ☐ Samson for Philistines | Judges 16:28 |
| ☐ Hannah for Samuel | 1 Sam. 2:1-11 |
| ☐ Solomon for the temple | 1 Kings 8:28-53 |
| ☐ Elijah for death | 1 Kings 19:4 |
| ☐ Elisha for servant | 2 Kings 6:17-18 |
| ☐ Hezekiah for Jerusalem | 2 Kings 19:14-19 |
| ☐ Jabez for blessing | 1 Chron. 4:9-10 |
| ☐ Ezra for the sin of the people | Ezra 9:5-10:1 |
| ☐ David’s many prayers | Psalm 17, 39, 51, 54, 55, 61, 145 |
| ☐ Daniel for Israel and Jerusalem | Daniel 9:4-20 |

- Jonah from the fish's belly Jonah 2:1-10
- Jonah in anger of God's mercy Jonah 4:2
- Peter and John's prison release Acts 4:23-31
- Stephen's death Acts 7:59
- Paul for Ephesians Eph. 1:16-19
- Paul for Philippians Phil. 1:3-6
- Paul for Colossians Col. 1:9-14
- Epaphras for Colossians Col.4:12-13
- Paul for Thessalonians 1 Thess. 1:2-3; 3:10-13; 2 Thess. 1:11-12
- Paul for Timothy 2 Tim. 1:3-7
- Paul for Philemon Philemon 4-7

PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Potential **Matthew 21:22** If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”
- ⇒ Protection **Matthew 26:41** “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”
- ⇒ Presence of Spirit **Romans 8:26** In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.
- ⇒ Prerequisites **James 5:16** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
1 Peter 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”
- ⇒ Power **James 5:16** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
- ⇒ Persistent Prayer **Luke 18:1** Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

“We cannot all be top-flight theologians, but we can all pray; we cannot all be leaders, but we can all be pleaders; we cannot all be mighty in rhetoric, but we can all be prevalent in prayer. I would sooner see you eloquent with God than with men.” Charles Hadden Spurgeon