

Prayers of Jesus



THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

CHRIST'S HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER

PASSOVER PRAYERS

PRAYERS FROM THE CROSS

The recorded Prayers of Jesus (*blue italics*) are relatively few in number but from their words there is much for Christians to learn.

When in a Group Study one section per session, with time for discussion, is suggested.

After reading all the Prayers of Jesus (Full Version), you may like to make your own little book using the Bible references given. On completion, you will have your own written record of all the Prayers of Jesus.

Alternatively, you could use the Lined Version.



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JESUS PRAYS

Jesus was constantly in an attitude of prayer to His heavenly Father and often in a solitary place; leaving his disciples alone. They noticed Jesus rose early to pray and on many occasions this was before dawn.

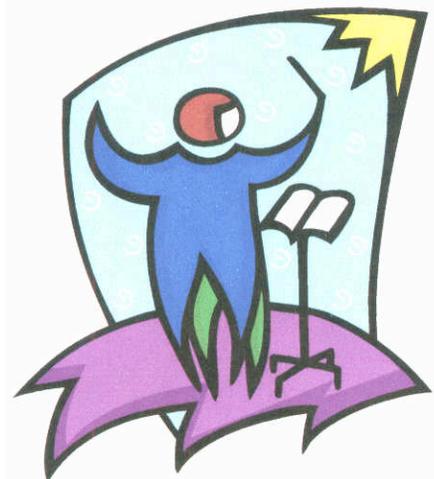
Also, it was His custom to spend even whole nights in prayer under the stars.



Before the start of His crowded days, it was the habit of Jesus to commune with His Father. Jesus prayed regularly each day seeking the Father's will and always before times of special significance in His brief three-year ministry - His Baptism, Choosing the Twelve Disciples, on the Mt. of Transfiguration, the Garden of Gethsemane and finally - the Cross.

In all four Gospels, Jesus taught the disciples much about prayer. Jesus began His day with prayer and for Christians starting the day with a quiet time of prayer is best, although not always possible according to individual circumstances.

It should be noted that an orchestra tunes up at the commencement of a concert before the Overture and not after the end of the recital or the encore!



THE PRAYERS OF JESUS

The Lord's Prayer is to found both in St. Matthew's Gospel in the Sermon on the Mount and in the Gospel of St. Luke.

Observing Jesus praying to His Heavenly Father, prompted the disciples to ask the Lord to teach them about prayer.

Luke 11: 1

Jesus replied with these well-known and best loved words:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6: 9 - 13, Luke 11: 2 - 4

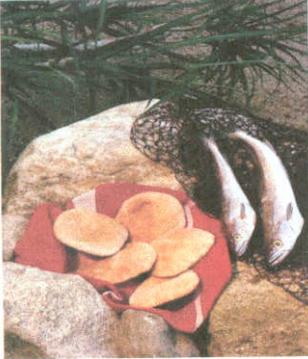
Perhaps the Lord's Prayer should more aptly be called the Disciples' Prayer. It stands alone in its significance being the only prayer given to His disciples to pray. It is a perfect prayer and the most frequently used when Christians the world over meet to pray.



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Jesus' attitude in prayer was always one of thankfulness.

THE FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND



Jesus gave thanks when he uttered brief words of thanksgiving before the miraculous feeding of the four thousand and also the five thousand as He blessed the five loaves and the two small fishes.

John 6: 11 A.V.

Another of Jesus' prayers of thanksgiving concerned God's salvation revealed to babes and concealed from those wise in their own eyes.

Luke 10: 21

RAISING OF LAZARUS

John 11:41 - 43

As Lazarus walked out of the tomb, many believed that Jesus was the Christ, the long-awaited Messiah.





THE FEAST OF PASSOVER PRAYERS

On the day remembered as Palm Sunday, Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem. He was acclaimed by the crowds, waving palm branches, coming to worship at the Temple.

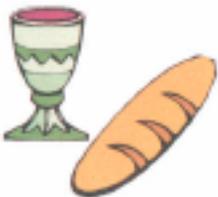
_____ John 12: 13



Even so, Jesus knew that the time had nearly come for His crucifixion when He would be glorified and exalted. He was deeply troubled in His spirit and prayed -

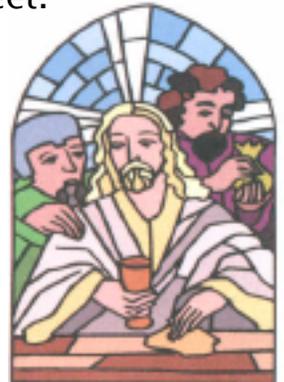
_____ John 12: 27, 28

THE LAST SUPPER



Before the meal, Jesus gave a great example of lowly service to His disciples when He took a towel and washed their feet.

Luke 22: 19



Matthew 26: 26 - 28

_____ Mark 14: 26

THE HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER



Read John Chapter 17

This is the longest prayer of our Lord.

Jesus prayed these words on the way to the Garden of Gethsemane, with His disciples, before the agony of His suffering began.

It was a prayer of intercession for those He had come to save that they may be all one. His close communion with His Father as revealed in the words of His High Priestly Prayer, help us to understand the greatness and the glory of Jesus, the Son of God.

In His High Priestly Prayer, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and prayed -

John 17: 1

John 17: 2

John 17: 9

John 17: 11b

John 17: 13a

John 17: 15

John 17: 14, 17

John 17: 18

John 17: 20

John 17: 21

John 17: 22

John 17: 26



THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Jesus and His disciples crossed the Kidron valley to an olive grove on the Mount of Olives, known as the Garden of Gethsemane. There, Jesus called upon Peter, James and John to watch with Him for one hour, while he prayed a stone's throw away. Burdened with deep sorrow in His soul, Jesus prayed:



_____ Mark 14: 36

On returning to His disciples, Jesus found them asleep.

In exhaustion, they just could not watch with Him one hour.

After leaving them to pray the same words, Jesus returned again to find them sleeping.

And yet again, returning after praying the third time, Jesus found the disciples once more asleep.

But now it was too late, for "Jesus' hour had come," as Judas arrived, with an armed company, to betray Him with the sign of a kiss!

PRAYERS FROM THE CROSS

_____ Luke 23: 33

_____ Mark 15: 26

_____ Luke 23: 34

Now from the sixth hour (noon) there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice -

_____ Matthew 27: 45, 46

The separation from His heavenly Father was the greatest suffering on the Cross. When Jesus bore our sins, God, the Father, could no longer behold His Son; but had to turn His face away.



THE DEATH OF JESUS

The recorded prayers of Jesus end with these words -

Luke 23: 46

John 19: 30b

With this triumphant cry, on the day called Good Friday, Jesus finished His saving work - the very reason He had been sent.

Matthew 1: 21

John 3: 16

The Lord Jesus Christ loves you and gave His life for you.

If you have never before decided to follow Jesus, you have a choice now to give your life back to Him.

Here are the words of a prayer you can say now in your heart, if your choice is to follow Him and trust Him always for the rest of your life.

'Heavenly Father, I am sorry for all the wrong things I have done. Please forgive me and thank You, Lord Jesus, for dying on the cross to take away my sins and for the gift of everlasting life.

Please come into my life with Your Holy Spirit; giving me Your love, peace and joy. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.'



BELIEVER'S BLESSING

The blessing of God, the Father, be upon you.
The gracious blessing of His only Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, the anointed One,
Worshipped and adored.

And the blessing of the Holy Spirit be unto you -
Called, forgiven and sanctified;
His grace and mercy, peace and love be multiplied.



(The words of the Believer's Blessing are based on the first 2 verses of the Letter of Jude).

Jude 1, 2

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