

Prayer in the Gospels & Acts

Matthew 5:44

But I tell you: Love your enemies[5:44 Some late manuscripts enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you] and pray for those who persecute you,

Matthew 6:5

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

Matthew 6:6

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:7

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

Matthew 6:9

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Matthew 14:23

After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

Matthew 17:20

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." [17:20 Some manuscripts you. 21 But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.]

Matthew 19:13

Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

Matthew 21:13

"It is written," he said to them, " 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' [21:13 Isaiah 56:7] but you are making it a 'den of robbers.' [21:13 Jer. 7:11] "

Matthew 21:22

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Matthew 23:13

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to. [23:13 Some manuscripts to. 14 Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Therefore you will be punished more severely.]

Matthew 24:20

Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath.

Matthew 26:36

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Matthew 26:39

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Matthew 26:41

"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

Matthew 26:42

He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

Matthew 26:44

So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

Mark 1:35

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Mark 6:46

After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

Mark 9:29

He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer. [9:29 Some manuscripts prayer and fasting] "

Mark 11:17

And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: " 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations' [11:17 Isaiah 56:7] ? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.' [11:17 Jer. 7:11] "

Mark 11:24

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Mark 11:25

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." [11:25 Some manuscripts sins. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your sins.]

Mark 12:40

They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely."

Mark 13:18

Pray that this will not take place in winter,
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Mark 13:33

Be on guard! Be alert [13:33 Some manuscripts alert and pray] ! You do not know when that time will come.

Mark 14:32

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

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Mark 14:35

Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him.

Mark 14:38

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

Mark 14:39

Once more he went away and prayed the same thing.

Luke 1:10

And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

Luke 1:13

But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.

Luke 2:37

and then was a widow until she was eightyfour.[2:37 Or widow for eightyfour years] She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.

Luke 3:21

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened

Luke 5:16

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Luke 5:33

They said to him, "John's disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking."

Luke 6:12

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

Luke 6:28

bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Luke 9:18

Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?"

Luke 9:28

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray.

Luke 9:29

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

Luke 11:1

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

Luke 11:2

He said to them, "When you pray, say: " 'Father,[11:2 Some manuscripts Our Father in heaven] hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.[11:2 Some manuscripts come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.]

Luke 18:1

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

Luke 18:10

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

Luke 18:11

The Pharisee stood up and prayed about[18:11 Or to] himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.

Luke 19:46

"It is written," he said to them, " 'My house will be a house of prayer'[19:46 Isaiah 56:7] ; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.' [19:46 Jer. 7:11] "

Luke 20:47

They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely."

Luke 21:36

Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

Luke 22:32

But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Luke 22:39

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.

Luke 22:40

On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation."

Luke 22:41

He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed,

Luke 22:44

And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.[22:44 Some early manuscripts do not have verses 43 and 44.]

Luke 22:45

When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow.

Luke 22:46

"Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

John 17:1

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

John 17:6

"I have revealed you[17:6 Greek your name; also in verse 26] to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

John 17:9

I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

John 17:15

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

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John 17:20

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,

John 18:1

When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and he and his disciples went into it.

Acts 1:14

They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Acts 1:24

Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen

Acts 2:42

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 3:1

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon.

Acts 4:23

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.

Acts 4:24

When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

Acts 4:31

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Acts 6:4

and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

Acts 6:6

They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

Acts 7:59

While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Acts 8:15

When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,

Acts 8:22

Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart.

Acts 8:24

Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me."

Acts 9:11

The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying.

Acts 9:40

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on

his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.

Acts 10:2

He and all his family were devout and Godfearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.

Acts 10:5

Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter.

Acts 10:9

About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray.

Acts 10:30

Cornelius answered: "Four days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me

Acts 10:31

and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor.

Acts 11:5

"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was.

Acts 12:5

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

Acts 12:12

When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.

Acts 13:3

So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Acts 14:23

Paul and Barnabas appointed elders [14:23 Or Barnabas ordained elders; or Barnabas had elders elected] for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

Acts 16:13

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.

Acts 16:16

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortunetelling.

Acts 16:25

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Acts 20:36

When he had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed.

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Acts 21:5

But when our time was up, we left and continued on our way. All the disciples and their wives and children accompanied us out of the city, and there on the beach we knelt to pray.

Acts 22:17

"When I returned to Jerusalem and was praying at the temple, I fell into a trance

Acts 26:29

Paul replied, "Short time or long—I pray God that not only

you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains."

Acts 27:29

Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight.

Acts 28:8

His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him.