

Jesus Prayed

Luke 11:1-4

Perfect Example Of Walking With God And Talking To God

No man can walk with God who does not talk to Him and hear (obey) His word.

Most consider prayer just for poor, hungry, suffering, diseased and hopeless. People with health and security, good job and comfortable home have little use for prayer except for when they "go to church" and occasionally just before a meal.

Jesus was a man of prayer while he lived among men.

He taught his disciples to pray in sermon on the mount - **Matthew 6:5-13**

How Did Jesus Pray?

Thanksgiving - **Matthew 11:25-26; 1Corinthians 11:23-24**

Emotion - **Hebrews 5:7**

Confidence

At the tomb of Lazarus - **John 11:41-42**

His disciples believed the Father heard him when he prayed - **John 11:21-22**

Jesus acknowledged that his Father always heard his prayers. - **John 11:42; 1John 5:14-15**

Earnestly And Fervently - **Luke 22:44**

Humility - **Matthew 26:39**

Did not use power available through prayer so he might do will of his Father - **Matthew 26:53-54**

When Did Jesus Pray?

Often

Many different times. Longer more often alone - **Mark 1:35; Matthew 14:23; Luke 6:12-13; Luke 5:15-16**

In Trial

Jesus prayed in his anguish before his betrayal and crucifixion

Prayed, "Thy will be done" alone three times before betrayal in time of agony - **Matthew 26:39-44;**

Luke 22:41-44; John 12:27

He prayed on the cross in his dying hour

Rulers derided him, Soldiers mocked him. At height of his humiliation, Jesus prayed to the Father -

Luke 23:46

For Whom Did Jesus Pray?

Himself - **John 17:1-5**

Peter - **Luke 22:31-32**

Disciples - **John 17:6-19**

All Believers - **John 17:20-21**

His Enemies

He prayed for those who ridiculed, mocked him and crucified him on the cross - **Luke 23:34**

Jesus Taught Us Conditions For Successful Prayer

Pray with reverence for God's Will and guidance in all things. - **Luke 11:2-4; John 15:7; 1Timothy 2:8**

To pray with persistence to Him our Creator, but with recognition of our unworthiness - **Luke 18:1-14**

With Confidence In His Will - **John 14:13-14; 1John 5:14**

We Need To Pray Like Jesus

At any time Jesus could have ended his suffering with a simple prayer to God

Instead, through His life he taught us to pray for God's will to be done

He taught us to humbly seek the Father's guidance

He taught us to trust in God.

Fellowship necessitates communication - **Amos 3:3**