

## Jesus Our Savior Lord and Example

Lesson 3  
Depended On The Father  
Through Prayer

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1. "...leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,"
2. Humble obedient self-denying servant
3. Depended on the Father through prayer
4. The greatest teacher
5. His love mercy and compassion
6. Endured suffering while trusting the Father

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## Introduction

- Jesus not only desired to do all the Father's will but He is the only One who obeyed the Father without sin
- As a part of His obedience, Jesus depended on the Father by habitually and reverently praying to Him in all different situations
- Jesus provides us a perfect example of how we should pray believing God in this life

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## Introduction

- As it was to Jesus, prayer must be an important and consistent part of our Christian life
- Often, prayer becomes an empty ritual that is only important when we are in great distress like being injured or ill
- Jesus' dependence on prayer showed His great trust in His Father
- We too must have a strong faith that leads us to habitually pray to the Father

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## Some Examples Of Jesus Praying To His Father

- From the beginning of His ministry until His death, Jesus prayed to the Father in a variety of situations
- Sometimes we are told the content of His prayer but often it is not revealed
- Let us study some of these with special attention given to Jesus' Gethsemane prayer that we might be more like Him as we pray

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## Jesus Prayed At The Beginning of His Public Ministry

Luk 3:21 Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened,  
Luk 3:22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

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## Jesus Would Often Pray Alone

Mar 1:33 And the whole city had gathered at the door.  
Mar 1:34 And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was.

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## Jesus Would Often Pray Alone

Mar 1:35 In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left *the house*, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.

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## Jesus Prayed Before Choosing His 12 Apostles

Luk 6:9 And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to destroy it?"  
Luk 6:10 After looking around at them all, He said to him, "Stretch out your hand!" And he did so; and his hand was restored.

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## Jesus Prayed Before Choosing His 12 Apostles

Luk 6:11 But they themselves were filled with rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus.  
Luk 6:12 It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.  
Luk 6:13 And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles:

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## Jesus Prayed Before He Asked His Apostles Who He Was

Luk 9:18 And it happened that while He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, "Who do the people say that I am?"

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## Jesus Prayed Before He Asked His Apostles Who He Was

Luk 9:19 They answered and said, "John the Baptist, and others say Elijah; but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again."

Luk 9:20 And He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God."

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## Jesus Prayed Before He Was Transfigured

Luk 9:28 Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

Luk 9:29 And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing *became white and* gleaming.

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## Jesus Prayed Before He Was Transfigured

Luk 9:30 And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah,

Luk 9:31 who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

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## Jesus Prayed For The Unity of His Followers

Joh 17:20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

Joh 17:21 that they may all be one; even 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 sent Me.

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## Jesus Prayed In The Garden of Gethsemane

- We pause here to study this prayer because there is much confusion about it
- Many teach, including me in the past, that because Jesus was in the flesh, He was conflicted about going to the cross
- It is wrongly asserted that Jesus, if He could, would have avoided the cross but resigned Himself to do the Father's will
- But, is His Gethsemane prayer about Him wanting to escape the cross?

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## Jesus Never Sinned In His Desires or Deeds

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.

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## Jesus Always Desired To Go To The Cross

Mat 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

Mat 16:22 Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid *it*, Lord! This shall never happen to You."

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## Jesus Always Desired To Go To The Cross

Mat 16:23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

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## Jesus Always Desired To Go To The Cross

Joh 12:27 "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

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## Jesus' Gethsemane Prayer

Mat 26:36 Then Jesus \*came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and \*said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Mat 26:37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed.

Mat 26:38 Then He \*said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me."

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## Jesus' Gethsemane Prayer

Mat 26:39 And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."

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## Jesus' Gethsemane Prayer

Mat 26:41 "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Mat 26:44 And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more.

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## For What Did Jesus Pray In Gethsemane?

- Jesus did not pray that He could avoid the cross
- While on earth, Jesus was subject to the same physical limitations as we are
- Jesus prayed for the passing of His grief that He might accomplish His perfect sacrifice
- The Father answered by sending an angel to strengthen Jesus

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## The Father Always Heard Jesus' Prayers

Joh 11:41 So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

Joh 11:42 "I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me."

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## The Father Heard and Answered Jesus' Gethsemane Prayer

Heb 5:7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.

Luk 22:42 saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."

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## The Father Heard and Answered Jesus' Gethsemane Prayer

Luk 22:43 Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.

Luk 22:44 And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

Joh 18:11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?"

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## Jesus Prayed For Those Who Crucified Him

Luk 23:33 When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.

Luk 23:34 But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

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## Jesus Prayed Just Before He Died On The Cross

Luk 23:46 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last.

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## Jesus Commands That We Pray For Our Enemies

Mat 5:43 "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.'

Mat 5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

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## Jesus Commands That We Pray For Our Enemies

Mat 5:45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.

Mat 5:46 "For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

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## Jesus Commands That We Pray For Our Enemies

Mat 5:47 "If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing *than others*? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

Mat 5:48 "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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## Jesus Warns Against Praying Like Hypocrites

Mat 6:5 "When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

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## Jesus Warns Against Praying Like Hypocrites

Mat 6:6 "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

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## Jesus Warns Against Praying Like The Gentiles

Mat 6:7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.

Mat 6:8 "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

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## Jesus Teaches His Disciples How They Should Pray

Mat 6:9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Mat 6:10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Mat 6:11 'Give us this day our daily bread.

Mat 6:12 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

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## Jesus Teaches His Disciples How They Should Pray

Mat 6:13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]'

Mat 6:14 "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Mat 6:15 "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

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## The Father Gives What Is Good To Those Who Ask Him

Mat 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Mat 7:8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Mat 7:9 "Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone?

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## The Father Gives What Is Good To Those Who Ask Him

Mat 7:10 "Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?

Mat 7:11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

Mat 7:12 "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

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## Pray For The Salvation of The Lost

Mat 9:36 Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.

Mat 9:37 Then He \*said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

Mat 9:38 "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

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## Pray In Faith Based On God's Word

Mar 11:23 "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be *granted* him.

Mar 11:24 "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be *granted* you.

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Rom 10:17 So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

1Jn 5:14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

1Jn 5:15 And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

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## Pray Persistently

Luk 18:1 Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,

Luk 18:2 saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man.

Luk 18:3 "There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.'

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## Pray Persistently

Luk 18:4 "For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man,

Luk 18:5 yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.'"

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## Pray Persistently

Luk 18:6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge *said*;

Luk 18:7 now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?

Luk 18:8 "I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"

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## Pray In Humility Trusting In God Not In Self

Luk 18:9 And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:

Luk 18:10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

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## Pray In Humility Trusting In God Not In Self

Luk 18:11 "The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

Luk 18:12 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'

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Luk 18:13 "But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'

Luk 18:14 "I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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## Pray Persistently With Thanksgiving

1Th 5:16 Rejoice always;

1Th 5:17 pray without ceasing;

1Th 5:18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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## Freely Pray To God To Avoid Anxiety and Have Peace

Php 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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## Freely Pray To God To Avoid Anxiety and Have Peace

1Pe 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

1Pe 5:7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

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## Pray Unselfishly

Jas 4:1 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?

Jas 4:2 You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

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## Pray Unselfishly

Jas 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

Jas 4:4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

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## Pray For All People

1Ti 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,

1Ti 2:2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

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## Pray For All People

1Ti 2:3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

1Ti 2:4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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