

Jesus Prayed

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He prayed from ?the start? of His life of faith

Luke 3:21-22 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that **Jesus also was baptized**; and while **He prayed**, the heaven was opened. 22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "**You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased** [it is faith that pleases God in Heb.11:5-6]."

He offered prayers in the days of His flesh

Hebrews 5:7-8 Who [Christ] **in the days of his flesh** [His first coming, made in the likeness of men], when **he had offered up prayers** and supplications **with strong crying and tears** unto him [God the Father] that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that [or because of] he feared [godly fear Heb.12:28] 8 **Though he were a Son**, yet learned he **obedience** by the things which **he suffered**.

He prayed for God?s will to be done

Mark 14:36 And He said, "**Abba, Father**, all things *are* possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, **not what I will, but what You will.**"

Prayer keeps us from falling into temptation

Mark 14:38 Watch ye and **pray**, lest ye **enter into temptation**. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

Prayer works!

James 5:16 ??The effectual **fervent prayer** of a righteous man **availeth much**.?

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. NIV

The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. RSV

The prayer of a good man is full of power in its working. BBE

The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. NAU

The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful. NAB

The Lord is a selective hearer

Proverbs 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked: but **he heareth the prayer of the righteous**.

Jesus was a righteous man

Luke 23:47 So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a **righteous Man!**"

He prayed at ?the end? of His life of faith

Luke 23:46 And when **Jesus** (on the cross) **had cried with a loud voice**, he said, **Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit**

: and having said thus, he gave up the spirit.

In everything by prayer

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

Constant prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray [imperative] without ceasing.

Jesus found time to pray even when life was busy

Luke 5:15-16 But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and **great multitudes came together** to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities. 16 And **he withdrew himself** into the wilderness, and **prayed**.

He would rise up early in the morning

Mark 1:35 And in the **morning**, rising up a great while **before day**, he went out, and departed into a **solitary place**, and there **prayed**.

Jesus prayed before important decisions

Luke 6:12-13 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and **continued all night in prayer** to God. 13 And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them **he chose twelve**, whom also he named apostles

He prayed for His food

Matthew 15:36 And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and **gave thanks**, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

Jesus prayed for His enemies

Luke 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, **forgive them**; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

He prayed for little children

Matthew 19:13-15 Then were there brought unto him **little children**, that **he should put his hands on them, and pray**: and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. 15 And **he laid his hands on them**, and departed thence.

He prayed for His disciples

Luke 22:31-32 And the Lord said, **Simon, Simon**, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But **I have prayed for thee**, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Jesus prayed for His church

John 17:9-26 **"I pray for them**. I do not pray for the world but for **those whom You have given Me**, for they are Yours. 10 "And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name **those whom You have given Me**, that they may be one as *We are*. 15 "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should **keep them from the evil one**. 16 "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 "**Sanctify them by Your truth**. Your word is truth. 20 " I do not pray for these alone, but also for **those who will believe in Me through their word**; 21 "that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 24 "Father, I desire that **they also whom You gave Me may be with Me** where I am, **that they may behold My glory** which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 "O righteous

Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26
"And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be
in them, and I in them."

His example in praying motivates His disciples to pray

Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as **he was praying** in a certain place, when he ceased, **one of his
disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray**, as John also taught his disciples.

Abide in Him ? Pray, even as He prayed

1 John 2:6 He that saith he **abideth in him** [in Christ] ought himself also so to **walk, even as he walked.**