

Remember! Jesus Prayed

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

Luke 11:1

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. (Luke 6:12) And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place and there prayed. (Mark 1:35) And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. (Matthew 14:23) And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am? (Luke 9:18) And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. (Luke 9:28) I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. (John 17:9) I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. (John 17:15) Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. (Matthew 26:36) And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. (Luke 22:44)

Prayer is a curious thing! On one hand, it can be easy and as natural as breathing, yet at other times it can be as difficult as climbing the highest mountain. It can be our greatest resource to draw on or to neglect. Sometimes our prayers ascend the heights of heaven, yet at other times they seem incapable of penetrating the ceiling. There are no boundaries to prayer whether short or long, loud or silent. We can feel like we are learning much about prayer, while at the same time feeling like we haven't even scratched the surface of its potential and power. Prayer can be uttered from the seasoned saint or a desperate sinner. One thing is certain from reading the scriptures, Jesus prayed and we are admonished to pray.

As Jesus said: *men ought always to pray, and not to faint.* So, no matter what our circumstances, whether trial or tribulation, abounding or abased, always remember, the only begotten Son of God, our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ prayed! And so should we!

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