



Cornerstone
CHURCH

Pray Like Jesus

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Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did.

1 John 2:6 NIV

“Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.”

Max Lucado

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, “Lord, teach us to pray...”

Luke 11:1 NLT

Jesus said, “This is how you should pray: Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. Give us each day the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And don’t let us yield to temptation.” Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story:

“Suppose you went to a friend’s house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, ‘A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.’ And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can’t help you.’ But I tell you this—though he won’t do it for friendship’s sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence. And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened”
Luke 11:2-10 NLT

“There are parts of our calling, works of the Holy Spirit, and defeats of the darkness that will come no other way than through furious, fervent, faith-filled, unceasing prayer.”

Beth Moore

Prayer Was Foundational to Jesus’ Life and Mission

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 1:35 NIV

Jesus Prayed:

- **Before Major Decisions**
- **Before the Miraculous Happened**
- **Before the Cross**

During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Hebrews 5:7 NIV

“...apart from me you can do nothing.”
John 15:5 NIV

“Prayer does not fit us for the greater works; prayer is the greater work.”
Oswald Chambers

Prayer is Personal

“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.”
Matthew 6:6 NIV

Prayer is Also Public

And as he taught them, he said, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’”
Mark 11:17 NIV

A church that will pray together will grow together.

A church that prays will discern God’s will.

A church that prays together will experience God’s power together.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.
1 John 5:14-15 NIV

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

Matthew 6:9-13 NIV

Jesus Prayed with Joy and Thanksgiving

At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: “O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way!

Matthew 11:25-26 NLT

Jesus Prayed Before a Miracle

“Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

John 11:41-42 NIV

Jesus Prayed a Prayer of Total Surrender in Gethsemane

He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”

Matthew 26:39 NLT

Jesus Prayed for Unity for His Disciples and for Us

“I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.”

John 17:20-21 NLT

Jesus Prayed for Our Forgiveness from the Cross

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.”
Luke 23:34 NLT

Jesus Prayed Consistently: It Was Part of His Daily Life

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.
Luke 5:16 NIV

Jesus Prayed Dependently: He Modeled Complete Reliance on the Father

“...the Son can do nothing by Himself.”
John 5:19 NLT

Jesus Prayed from a Surrendered Heart: His Prayer Shaped Obedience, Even When It Was Costly

“...not my will, but yours be done.”
Luke 22:42 NIV

Jesus Prayed for Others, Not Just Himself

“But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.”
Luke 22:32 NIV

In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

Psalm 5:3 NIV

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Luke 11:1 NIV