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PRAYER

TRANSPARENCY
with man
+
INTIMACY
with God

PRAYER: The Christians Secret Weapon

Five specific prayers of Jesus found in the book of Luke

1. LUKE 3:21-22

"Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out from heaven, "You are my beloved Son, in You I am well pleased."

Jesus prayed being baptized and God the Father speaks saying "This is my Son in whom I am well pleased." Then the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in bodily form like a Dove. Prayer was not just a part of Jesus' life, it was His life...and it pleased the Father.

- **Does your prayer life please the Father?**

2. LUKE 5:16

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Jesus Himself would spend time alone with God.

- **Where is your alone space?**

3. LUKE 6:12-13

It was at this time that Jesus went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God. And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles.

Jesus selected His disciples and spent the whole night in prayer.

- **How much time do you pray for big decisions?**



A Note from Keith:

My prayer journal has been one of my most blessed treasures I've ever experienced. It is my looking glass into my heart - asking the Almighty God to allow me to walk in His steps and follow His will. To be privileged to wake up and talk to the Creator of the universe and know He hears me and loves me encourages me daily, moment by moment, to communicate with Him through prayer.

I love dating my prayers and specifically asking God to answer according to His will. When God answers a prayer, I circle the prayer and put a smiley emoji next to it. When I come back weekly to pray, the smiley faces encourage and motivate me to walk close to the Lord.

I pray these verses help you to be encouraged to pray. I really believe prayer changes the world. Prayer is the greatest secret weapon that shouldn't be so secret.

4. LUKE 11:1

It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples."

The only thing the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to do was pray. Wow!

Do people ask you to teach them to pray because they see how prayer has changed your life?

5. LUKE 22:39-46

And He came out and went, as was His habit, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him. Now when He arrived at the place, He said to them, "Pray that you do not come into temptation." And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. And being in agony, He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow, and He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you do not come into temptation."

In the Garden of Gethsemane, when Jesus was about to go to the cross, He prayed, "Not my will but your will be done." Then He went to the cross to die for the sins of the world.

Is your desire to ask God's will no matter what to make Christ known?

Only prayer could give you that courage.

These are only a couple of prayers of Jesus. I encourage you, through prayer, to start a prayer journal and fall in love with Jesus.

MAKE A PRAYER JOURNAL

1. Get a Notebook
2. Divide it into 7 sections
3. Label the sections
4. Write & Date Prayers
5. Circle & Date Answered Prayers

- Sun. - Churches
- Mon. - Family
- Tues. - Friends/Bible Studies
- Wed. - Ministries
- Thurs. - The Lost
- Fri. - Missions/Schools
- Sat. - Country/President/World

