

Jesus, prayer and solitude in scripture

Jesus on words in prayer and where to pray:

Matt 6:7-8

⁵ 'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ *But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

⁷ *When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words.* ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

The Lord's Prayer

Matt 6:9-15

⁹ 'Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial,

but rescue us from the evil one.

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Luke 11:1-4

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ² He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

Jesus seeks solitude for prayer

Luke 5:15-16

now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. ¹⁶ *But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.*

Mark 1:35 (after previous evening's healings)

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, *he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.*

Matt 14:13 (before feeding of 5000)

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, *he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself.*

Mark 6:30-32 (before feeding of 5000)

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² *And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.*

Luke 9:10 (before feeding of 5000)

¹⁰ On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. *He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida.*

Matt 14:23 (before walking on water, after feeding 5000)

²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, *he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,*

Mark 6:45-46 (before walking on water, after feeding 5000)

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ *After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.*

John 6:15 (before walking on water, after feeding 5000)

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, *he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.*

Luke 6:12 (before he chooses the twelve)

¹² Now during those days *he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God.*

Luke 9:18 (before Peter calls him 'The Messiah of God' v.20)

¹⁸ *Once when Jesus^l was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, 'Who do the crowds say that I am?'*

Luke 9:29 (the transfiguration)

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings *Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.*

Luke 11:1 (before teaching the Lord's prayer)

¹¹ *He was praying in a certain place.....*