How to Pray and What to Expect

1 Timothy 2:1-8

¹First of all, then,

I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made

on behalf of all men,

²for kings and all who are in authority,

in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life

in all godliness and dignity.

³This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men.

the man Christ Jesus,

⁶who gave Himself as a ransom for all,

the testimony *borne* at the proper time.

⁷And

for this

I was appointed

a preacher and an apostle

(I am telling the truth, I am not lying)

as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸Therefore I want the men in every place to pray,

lifting up holy hands,

without wrath and dissension.

How Jesus taught His disciples to pray

Matthew 6:9 "Pray, then, in this way:

'Our Father who art in heaven.

Hallowed be Thy name.

¹⁰ 'Thy kingdom come.

Thy 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 lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

How Jesus prepared His disciples to pray

John 14:9 ...He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, 'Show us the Father '?

- ¹⁰ "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.
- ¹¹ "Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; otherwise believe on account of the works themselves.
- ¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go to the Father.
- ¹³ "And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- ¹⁴ "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*.
- ¹⁵ "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.
- ¹⁶ "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

- ¹⁷ that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.
- **John 15:7** "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you.

 8 "By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.
- **John 15:16** "You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you.
- ¹⁷ "This I command you, that you love one another.
- ¹⁸ "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you.
- ¹⁹ "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.
- ²⁰ "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.
- John 16:1 "These things I have spoken to you, that you may be kept from stumbling.
- ² "They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God.
- **John 16:12** "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now.
- ¹³ "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.
- ¹⁴ "He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose *it* to you.
- ¹⁵ "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said, that He takes of Mine, and will disclose *it* to you.
- **John 16:23** "And in that day you will ask Me no question. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you shall ask the Father for anything, He will give it to you in My name.
- ²⁴ "Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full.
- ²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; an hour is coming when I will speak no more to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father.
- ²⁶ "In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request the Father on your behalf;
- ²⁷ for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from the Father.
- **John 16:33** "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

How Jesus prays for us

- **John 17:11** ...Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, *the name* which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We *are*.
- John 17:15 "I do not ask Thee to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.
- **John 17:17** "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.
- John 17:20 "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;
- ²¹ that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, *art* in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.
- ²² "And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one;
- ²³ I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me.
- **John 17:24** "Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before the foundation of the world.
- How Jesus led and answered the prayers of His disciples

- Acts 1:14 These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer...
- **Acts 2:4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.
- Acts 2:42 And they were continually devoting themselves to... prayer.
- Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,...
- Acts 4:24 And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord...
- Acts 6:4 "But we will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word."
- **Acts 7:60** And falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" And having said this, he fell asleep.
- **8:1** And Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.
- ² And *some* devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.
- ³ But Saul *began* ravaging the church, entering house after house; and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.
- ⁴ Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.
- **Acts 10:9** And on the next day, as they were on their way, and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray.
- **Acts 12:1** Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church, in order to mistreat them.
- ² And he had James the brother of John put to death with a sword.
- ³ And when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. Now it was during the days of Unleavened Bread.
- ⁴ And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out before the people.
- ⁵ So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.

Acts 12:24 But the word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied.

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