



Jesus Loves Seattle
Does Prayer Really Work?
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Matthew 26:36-46 NIV
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THREE OBSERVATIONS OF JESUS' PRAYER LIFE

I. PRAYER ALIGNS OUR WAYS WITH GOD'S WAYS.

He began to be SORROWFUL AND TROUBLED. Then he said to them, "My soul is OVERWHELMED WITH SORROW to the point of death."

- Jesus, Matthew 26:37-38 NIV

He fell on his face, PRAYING, "My Father, if there is any way, get me out of this. But please, not what I want. You, WHAT DO YOU WANT?"

- Jesus, Matthew 26:39 MSG

"Stay here and KEEP WATCH WITH ME." - Jesus, Matthew 26:38b NIV

PRAY LIKE JESUS PRAYED (Matthew 6:9-13)

1) **THANKS**

2) **SORRY**

3) **PLEASE**

[Jesus] returned to his disciples and found them sleeping..."Watch and pray SO THAT YOU WILL NOT FALL INTO TEMPTATION.

- Matthew 26:40-41 NIV

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS... STUDY HOW HE DID IT... He could put up with anything along the way: CROSS, SHAME, WHATEVER.

- Hebrews 12:2 MSG

"My house is a house of prayer." - Jesus, Luke 19:46 MSG

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II. PRAYER CONNECTS US WITH GOD.

"Three different times I BEGGED THE LORD TO TAKE IT AWAY. Each time he said, 'My grace is all you need. MY POWER WORKS BEST IN WEAKNESS.'" - 2 Corinthians 12:8-9 NLT

"Everything you need is to be FOUND IN ME" - God, Hosea 14:8b MSG

...He fell on his face, PRAYING... - Matthew 26:39a MSG

He then left them a second time. AGAIN HE PRAYED...

- Matthew 26:42a MSG

[Jesus] went back A THIRD TIME TO PRAY, going over the same ground...

- Matthew 26:44b MSG

JESUS' "AGAIN & AGAIN" PRAYER TEMPLATE:

1) **KEEP IT SIMPLE.**

2) **KEEP IT HONEST.**

3) **KEEP IT GOING.**

... He [Jesus] always LIVES TO INTERCEDE for them [Seattle].

- Hebrews 7:25b NIV

JESUS IS INTERCEDING FOR US! - Romans 8:34 NIV

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III. PRAYER REALLY WORKS "IF" WE WILL PRAY.

"My Father..." - Jesus, Matthew 26:39a NIV

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

- James 4:8 ESV

He fell with his face to the ground and prayed..."RISE, LET US GO! Here comes my betrayer." - Jesus, Matthew 27:46 NIV

"GET DOWN ON YOUR KNEES BEFORE THE MASTER; it's the only way you'll GET ON YOUR FEET. - James 4:10 MSG

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for IN PRAYER, BELIEVE that you have received it, and IT WILL BE YOURS." - Jesus, Mark 11:24 NIV

"IF you have faith the size of a mustard SEED... nothing will be impossible for you." - Jesus, Matthew 17:20 NET "IF my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and PRAY and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then WILL I HEAR from heaven and WILL FORGIVE their sins and WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.

- God, II Chronicles 7:14 NIV