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# **Pray, believing**

**And without faith  
it is impossible to please Him,  
for he who comes to God  
must believe that He is  
and that He is a rewarder  
of those who seek Him.**

*Hebrews 11:6*

# Pray with confidence

Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Hebrews 4:16*

# **Pray, pouring out your heart**

**Trust in Him at all times, O people;  
Pour out your heart before Him;  
God is a refuge for us.**

*Psalm 62:8*

# Pray about everything

Be anxious for nothing,  
but in everything by prayer and  
supplication with thanksgiving let  
your requests be made known to  
God. And the peace of God, which  
surpasses all comprehension, will  
guard your hearts and your minds  
in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 4:6-7*

# Pray all the time

**Pray without ceasing;  
in everything give thanks;  
for this is God's will for you  
in Christ Jesus.**

*1 Thessalonians 5:17-18*

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These all with one mind  
were continually  
*devoting themselves to prayer,*  
along with the women,  
and Mary the mother of Jesus,  
and with His brothers.

*Acts 1:14*

**They were continually  
devoting themselves  
to the apostles' teaching and  
to fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and  
to prayer.**

*Acts 2:42*

**But we will devote ourselves  
to prayer and  
to the ministry of the word**  
*Acts 6:4*

**Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor . . . rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer.**

*Romans 12:10-12*

**Now (Jesus) was telling them a  
parable to show that at all times  
they ought to pray  
and not to lose heart,  
*Luke 18:1***

**In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man. There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, “Give me legal protection from my opponent.”**

*Luke 18:2-3*

**For a while he was unwilling;  
but afterward he said to himself,  
“Even though I do not fear God  
nor respect man, yet because this  
widow bothers me,  
I will give her legal protection,  
otherwise by continually coming  
she will wear me out.”**

*Luke 18:4-5*

**And the Lord said, “Hear what the  
unrighteous judge said;  
Now, will not God bring about  
justice for His elect who cry  
to Him day and night, and  
will He delay long over them?”**

*Luke 18:6-7*

**“I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?”** *Luke*

*18:8*

**But Jesus Himself  
would often slip away  
to the wilderness and pray.**

*Luke 5:16*

**It was at this time that He 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**

*Luke 6:12-13*

Epaphras, who is one of your  
number, a bonds slave of Jesus  
Christ, sends you his greetings,  
*always laboring earnestly for you  
in his prayers,*  
that you may stand perfect and  
fully assured in all the will of God.

*Colossians 4:12*

**Prayer does not fit us  
for the greater work;  
prayer is the greater work**  
*Oswald Chambers*

**If I work, I work  
If I pray, God works**

**What does it mean to  
be alert in prayer?**

**“My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.” And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”**

*Matthew 26:38-39*

**“And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”**

*Matthew 26:40-41*

**He went away again a second time  
and prayed, saying,**

**“My Father, if this cannot pass  
away unless I drink it,  
Your will be done.”**

**Again He came and  
found them sleeping,  
for their eyes were heavy.**

*Matthew 26:42-43*

**And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. Then He came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting?**

**Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.”**

*Matthew 26:44-45*

**Praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.**

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*Colossians 4:3-4*

**Conduct yourselves with wisdom  
toward outsiders, making the  
most of the opportunity.**

**Let your speech  
always be with grace,  
as though seasoned with salt,  
so that you will know how you  
should respond to each person.**

*Colossians 4:5-6*

**Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others**

*Philippians 2:3-4*

**He who gives an answer  
before he hears,  
it is folly and shame to him**

*Proverbs 18:13*

**But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect**

*1 Peter 3:15*

Whatever you do  
in word or deed,  
***do all in the name  
of the Lord Jesus,***  
giving thanks through Him  
to God the Father.

*Colossians 3:17*