

## **New Testament references on prayer (using “pray” and “ask”)**

Matthew 5:44

But I tell you, love your enemies and **pray** for those who persecute you,

Matthew 6:5 – 6:9

"And when you **pray**, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to **pray** standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 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**. This, then, is how you should **pray**: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ..."

Matthew 7:7-7:11

"**Ask** and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who **asks** receives; those who seek find; and to those who knock, the door will be opened. Which of you, if your son **asks** for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he **asks** for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who **ask him!**"

Matthew 8:5

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, **asking** for help.

Matthew 9:38

**Ask** the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 14:23

After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to **pray**. When evening came, he was there alone,

Matthew 16:1

The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by **asking** him to show them a sign from heaven.

Matthew 18:19

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you **ask** for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

Matthew 19:13

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and **pray** for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

Matthew 21:13

"It is written," he said to them, " 'My house will be called a house of **prayer**,' [ Isaiah 56:7] but you are making it 'a den of robbers.' [ Jer. 7:11] "

Matthew 21:22

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in **prayer**."

Matthew 24:20

**Pray** that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath.

Matthew 26:36-44

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and **pray**." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and **prayed**, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and **pray** so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." He went away a second time and **prayed**, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and **prayed** the third time, saying the same thing.

Mark 1:35

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he **prayed**.

Mark 6:46

After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to **pray**.

Mark 8:12

He sighed deeply and said, "Why does this generation **ask** for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to it."

Mark 8:23

He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus **asked**, "Do you see anything?"

Mark 9:29

He replied, "This kind can come out only by **prayer**. [ Some manuscripts **prayer** and fasting] "

Mark 10:35-38

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we **ask**." "What do you want me to do for you?" he **asked**. They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." "You don't know what you are **asking**," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

Mark 10:51

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus **asked** him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

Mark 11:17

And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of **prayer** for all nations' [ Isaiah 56:7] But you have made it 'a den of robbers.' [ Jer. 7:11] "

Mark 11:22-25

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and do not doubt in your heart but believe that what you say will happen, it will be done for you. Therefore I tell you, whatever you **ask** for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand **praying**, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." \_

Mark 12:40

They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy **prayers**. These men will be punished most severely."

Mark 13:18

**Pray** that this will not take place in winter,

Mark 14:32-39

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." Once more he went away and prayed the same thing.

Luke 1:10

And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were **praying** outside.

Luke 1:13

But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your **prayer** has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.

Luke 2:37

and then had been a widow for eighty-four years. [ Or then was a widow until she was eighty-four] She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and **praying**.

Luke 6:3

The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, **asking** him to come and heal his servant.

Luke 9:54

When the disciples James and John saw this, they **asked**, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them [ Some manuscripts them, just as Elijah did] "

Luke 10:2

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. **Ask** the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

Luke 11:9

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Luke 11:16

Others tested him by **asking** for a sign from heaven.

Luke 11:29

As the crowds increased, Jesus said, "This is a wicked generation. It **asks** for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.

Luke 18:1

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always **pray** and not give up.

Luke 18:10-11

"Two men went up to the temple to **pray**, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and **prayed**: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.

Luke 19:46

"It is written," he said to them, " 'My house will be a house of **prayer**' [ Isaiah 56:7] ; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.' [ Jer. 7:11] "

Luke 20:47

They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy **prayers**. These men will be punished most severely."

Luke 21:36

Be always on the watch, and **pray** that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

Luke 22:32

But I have **prayed** for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Luke 22:40-41

On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

John 4:10

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that **asks** you for a drink, you would have **asked** him and he would have given you living water."

John 5:6

When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he **asked** him, "Do you want to get well?"

John 11:22

But I know that even now God will give you whatever you **ask**."

John 14:13-17

And I will do whatever you **ask** in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may **ask** me for anything in my name, and I will do it. If you love me, keep my commands. And I will **ask** the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 15:7

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, **ask** whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

John 15:16

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you **ask** in my name the Father will give you.

John 16:23-24, 26

In that day you will no longer **ask** me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you **ask** in my name. Until now you have not **asked** for anything in my name. **Ask** and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. . . . In that day you will **ask** in my name. I am not saying that I will **ask** the Father on your behalf.

John 17:1

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and **prayed**: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you

John 17:9

I **pray** for them. I am not **praying** for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

John 17:15

My **prayer** is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. John 17:20

"My **prayer** is not for them alone. I **pray** also for those who will believe in me through their message,

John 18:1

When he had finished **praying**, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it.

Acts 1:14

They all joined together constantly in **prayer**, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Acts 1:24

Then they **prayed**, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen

Acts 2:42

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

Acts 3:1

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of **prayer**—at three in the afternoon.

Acts 4:23-24, 31

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in **prayer** to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. . . . After they **prayed**, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Acts 6:4

and will give our attention to **prayer** and the ministry of the word."

Acts 6:6

They presented them to the apostles, who **prayed** and laid their hands on them.

Acts 7:59

While they were stoning him, Stephen **prayed**, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Acts 8:15

When they arrived, they **prayed** for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit,

Acts 8:22

Repent of this wickedness and **pray** to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart.

Acts 8:24

Then Simon answered, "**Pray** to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me."

Acts 9:11

The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is **praying**."

Acts 9:40

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and **prayed**. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.

Acts 10:2

He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and **prayed** to God regularly.

Acts 10:4

Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your **prayers** and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God."

Acts 10:9

About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to **pray**.

Acts 10:30-31

Cornelius answered: "Three days ago I was in my house **praying** at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your **prayer** and remembered your gifts to the poor.'

Acts 11:5

"I was in the city of Joppa **praying**, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was.

Acts 12:5

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly **praying** to God for him.

Acts 12:12

When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were **praying**.

Acts 13:3

So after they had fasted and **prayed**, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Acts 14:23

Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with **prayer** and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

Acts 16:13

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of **prayer**. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.

Acts 16:16

Once when we were going to the place of **prayer**, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling.

Acts 16:25

About midnight Paul and Silas were **praying** and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Acts 20:36

When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and **prayed**.

Acts 21:5

When it was time to leave, we left and continued on our way. All of them, including wives and children, accompanied us out of the city, and there on the beach we knelt to **pray**.

Acts 22:17

"When I returned to Jerusalem and was **praying** at the temple, I fell into a trance . . . "

Acts 26:29

Paul replied, "Short time or long—I **pray** to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains."

Acts 27:29

Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and **prayed** for daylight.

Acts 28:8

His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after **prayer**, placed his hands on him and healed him.

Romans 1:10

in my **prayers** at all times; and I **pray** that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

Romans 8:26

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to **pray** for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

Romans 10:1

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and **prayer** to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.

Romans 12:12

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in **prayer**.

Romans 15:30-31

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by **praying** to God for me. **Pray** that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea and that the contribution I take to Jerusalem may be favorably received by the Lord's people there,

1 Corinthians 7:5

Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to **prayer**. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

1 Corinthians 11:4-5

Every man who **prays** or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. But every woman who **prays** or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head—it is the same as having her head shaved.

1 Corinthians 11:13

Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to **pray** to God with her head uncovered?

1 Corinthians 14:13-15

For this reason those who speak in a tongue should **pray** that they may interpret what they say. For if I **pray** in a tongue, my spirit **prays**, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will **pray** with my spirit, but I will also **pray** with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.

2 Corinthians 1:11

as you help us by your **prayers**. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the **prayers** of many.

2 Corinthians 9:14

And in their **prayers** for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

2 Corinthians 13:7

Now we **pray** to God that you will not do anything wrong. Not that people will see that we have stood the test but that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed.

2 Corinthians 13:9

We are glad whenever we are weak but you are strong; and our **prayer** is that you may be fully restored. For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all his people,

Ephesians 1:16-18

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my **prayers**. I keep **asking** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit [ Or a spirit] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I **pray** that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his people,

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I **pray** that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I **pray** that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we **ask** or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 6:18-20

And **pray** in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of **prayers** and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on **praying** for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:19 **Pray** also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. **Pray** that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Philippians 1:3

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my **prayers** for all of you, I always **pray** with joy

Philippians 1:9

And this is my **prayer**: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,

Philippians 1:19

for I know that through your **prayers** and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. [ Or vindication; or salvation]

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by **prayer** and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Colossians 1:3

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we **pray** for you,

Colossians 1:9

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped **praying** for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, [ Or all spiritual wisdom and understanding]

Colossians 4:2-4

Devote yourselves to **prayer**, being watchful and thankful. And **pray** for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. **Pray** that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

Colossians 4:12

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in **prayer** for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

1 Thessalonians 1:2

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our **prayers**.

1 Thessalonians 3:10

Night and day we **pray** most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

**pray** continually,

1 Thessalonians 5:25

Brothers and sisters, **pray** for us.

2 Thessalonians 1:3

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12\_

With this in mind, we constantly **pray** for you, that our God may make you worthy of his

calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We **pray** this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. [ Or God and Lord, Jesus Christ]

2 Thessalonians 3:1

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, **pray** for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And **pray** that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith.

1 Timothy 2:1

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, **prayers**, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—

1 Timothy 2:8

Therefore I want the men everywhere to **pray**, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

1 Timothy 4:5

because it is consecrated by the word of God and **prayer**.

1 Timothy 5:5

The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to **pray** and to ask God for help.

2 Timothy 1:3

I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my **prayers**.

Philemon 1:4

I always thank my God as I remember you in my **prayers**,

Philemon 1:6

I **pray** that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.

Philemon 1:22

And one thing more: Prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your **prayers**.

Hebrews 5:7

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up **prayers** and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Hebrews 13:18-19

**Pray** for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably

in every way.

I particularly urge you to **pray** so that I may be restored to you soon.

James 1:5-6

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should **ask** God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you **ask**, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

James 4:2-3

You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not **ask** God. When you **ask**, you do not receive, because you **ask** with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

James 5:13-18

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them **pray**. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to **pray** over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the **prayer** offered in faith will make them well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and **pray** for each other so that you may be healed. The **prayer** of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He **prayed** earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he **prayed**, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your **prayers**.

1 Peter 3:12

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their **prayer**, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." [ Psalm 34:12-16]

1 Peter 4:7

The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may **pray**.

1 John 3:21-22

Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we **ask**, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

1 John 5:14-16

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we **ask** anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we **ask**—we know that we have what we **asked** of him. If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that

does not lead to death, you should **pray** and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should **pray** about that.

3 John 1:2

Dear friend, I **pray** that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.

Jude 1:20

But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and **praying** in the Holy Spirit,

Revelation 8:2-4

And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the **prayers** of God's people. Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the **prayers** of all God's people, on the golden altar before the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the **prayers** of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand.