

Praying in 4D

To Discern and Recommit To God's Will
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Why does it matter?

What do you believe about prayer?

"Jesus, what do you want us to know about prayer?"

What does Jesus believe about prayer?

Why does it matter?

Why 4D?

Matthew 6v5-15

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.

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.

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Observation: Notice the commitment to God's will.

Observation: Jesus often withdrew and prayed.

But no detail on how or what Jesus prayed.

The garden a hint?

Other hints?

Matthew 26v42

Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

John 4v34

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work."

John 6v38

For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

John 5v30

I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

In the morning: Prayers of Dedication
Throughout the Day: Prayers of Presence
At Day's End: Prayers of Examine

The Need for Daily Prayer: Like Food, Water, & Sleep?

What if prayer was a major means by which Jesus discerned and committed himself to God's will?

Songs: One Step Ahead by Jack Johnson (Preview); King of My Heart, Embers, Come to Us Oh Lord, Today if You Hear Him; The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Books: *Letters to Malcom* by C.S. Lewis

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