

Prayers



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He Gives His Followers a Prayer (Luke 11:1-4)

¹ Another time, after Creator Sets Free (Jesus) had finished praying, one of his followers said to him, “Wisdomkeeper, teach us how to pray in the same way He Shows Goodwill (John) taught his followers.”

² Creator Sets Free (Jesus) *smiled and* said to them, “*When you send your voice to the Great Spirit*, here is how you should pray:

“O Great Father, the one who lives above us all, your name is sacred and holy.

“Bring your Good Road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the world above is reflected in the earth below.

³ “Provide for us day by day—the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon; the corn, the squash, and the wild rice; all the good things we need every day *to feed our families*.

⁴ “Release us from the things we have done wrong in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us.

And guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your Good Road.”

He Prays for His Followers (John 17:1-26)

¹ When Creator Sets Free (Jesus) was finished speaking to his followers, he lifted his eyes to the world above and sent his voice to the Great Spirit.

“O Great Father,” he prayed, “it is time for you to bring honor to your Son, so he may bring honor to you. ² You have put all human beings under the care of your Son, so he can give them the life of the world to come, that never fades—full of beauty and harmony. ³ This life comes from knowing you, the only true and Great Spirit, and from knowing the Chosen One, Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the one you have sent into this world.

⁴ “I have brought you honor on earth by finishing the work you sent me to do. ⁵ It is now time, my Father, for you to honor me with the beauty I shared at your side before you created all things.”

⁶ “I have shown who you truly are to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours and you trusted me with them, and they have walked in your ways. ⁷ They now know that everything I have comes from you. ⁸ The message you gave to me I have given to them. They have welcomed the truth about who I am and trust that you sent

me. ⁹ These are the ones I now pray for. I am not praying for the ones who walk in the ways of the world, but for the ones you gave to me, for they belong to you. ¹⁰ My followers bring honor to me; they are a gift from you, a gift we share together.

¹¹ "*Since I am returning to you*, I will no longer be in the world, but my followers will still be here. O Father of all that is holy, watch over them with the loving care that we share with one another. In this way they will also share the love that makes us one.

¹² "During my time on earth representing you, I kept them safe in your loving care. Not one of them has been lost, except for the one foretold in the Sacred Teachings, the one doomed to a bad end.

¹³ "I am returning to you now; but while I am still here, I pray for my followers, so they may share in my joy. ¹⁴ Your message, that I gave them, has taken root in their hearts. Like me, they have chosen not to walk in the ways of this world, and so the world hates them. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but that you keep them safe from the evil one and his ways. ¹⁶ They no longer belong to *the ways* of this world, any more than I do. ¹⁷ Make them holy through the beautiful message of your truth.

¹⁸ "You sent me into the world, and now, in the same way, I send them into the world. ¹⁹ I set my life apart for them in a sacred manner, so they may also set their lives apart to walk in the beauty of your truth.

²⁰ "My prayers are not only for them, but for all who will trust in me through their message. ²¹ I pray that all who walk with me will be joined together as one, in the same way that you, Father, are in me and I am in you—that they may be one in us. This is how the world will believe that you have sent me.

²² "The beauty you gave to me I have given to them; this will join them together with us. ²³ In the same way you are in me, I will be in them, beautifully joined together as one. This is the reason you sent me into this world, to show that you love them just as you love me.

²⁴ "O Great Father, I want the ones you have given to me to share this place of beauty that I have so they can see the power of your love for me, a love that we shared before you created all things.

²⁵ "O Father of all that is good and right, the world does not know you; but I know you, and my followers know you sent me. ²⁶ I have represented, and will always represent, who you truly are, so that the love you have for me will be in them and I will live in them also."

Sending Up Prayers (Ephesians 1:15-23)

¹⁵ Ever since I heard of the trust you have in Creator Sets Free (Jesus) and your deep love for all of his holy people, ¹⁶ I have never stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you when I send my voice to the Great Spirit.

¹⁷ I pray that the Father of honor and beauty, who is the Great Spirit of our Honored Chief Creator Sets Free (Jesus), will gift you with a spirit of wisdom to know him deeply and understand his mysterious ways.

¹⁸ I am asking him to shine his light into your hearts so you can clearly see the hope he has chosen us for and the beautiful treasure he has in us—his holy people.

¹⁹ I pray he will show how much greater his power is for all who put their trust in him. ²⁰ This is the same power he used when he brought the Chosen One back to life from the dead and gave him the place of honor at his right hand— ²¹ a high spiritual place greater than all rulers, authorities, and powers; a place higher and stronger than all names that can be named, not only in this world but also in the one that is coming.

²² This is how he brought all things, seen and unseen, under his loving power and made him the Elder¹ of his Sacred Family. ²³ This Sacred Family is his body *on earth* made whole by the one who gives everything and everyone their full meaning and purpose.

A Humble Prayer (Ephesians 3:14-21)

¹⁴ This is the reason I bow down on my knees and humble myself before the Father above, ¹⁵ from whom all families, clans and tribes, in this world and in the world above, are named.

¹⁶ This is my prayer for you: that from the great treasures of his beauty, Creator will gift you with the Spirit's mighty power and strengthen you in your inner being. ¹⁷ In this way the Chosen One will make his home in your heart.

I pray that as you trust in him, your roots will go deep into the soil of his great love, ¹⁸ and that from these roots you will draw the strength and courage needed to walk this sacred path together with all his holy people. This path of love is higher than the stars, deeper than the great waters, wider than the sky. Yes, this love comes from and reaches to all the directions.

I pray that you would feel how deep the Chosen One's great love is— ¹⁹ a love that goes beyond our small and weak ways of thinking. This love fills us with the Great

¹ **1:22** Lit., Head

Spirit—the one who fills all things. ²⁰ I am praying to the Maker of Life who, by his great power working in us, can do far more than what we ask for, more than our small minds can imagine.

²¹ May his Sacred Family and the Chosen One bring honor to him across all generations, to the time beyond the end of all days. May it be so!

Sending Up Prayers (Colossians 1:9-12)

⁹ Ever since we heard about you, we have never stopped praying for you. When we send our voices to the Great Spirit, this is what we ask him for: That he will fill your heart and mind with the knowledge you need to walk in his ways with all spiritual wisdom and understanding. ¹⁰ That you will walk in a manner that is worthy of our Honored Chief, making his heart glad and bearing good fruit as you walk the path he has chosen for you. In this way you will grow wise in your understanding of our Great Creator.

¹¹⁻¹² We pray that you will grow strong with the strength that comes from the beauty and honor of his power. Then you will be able to stand firm in a calm and unhurried manner as you give thanks with glad hearts to the Father above. For he is the one who has made you ready to take your place on this road of life, a place he prepared for you among all the holy-ones who walk in his light.



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