Jesus in Prayer

**Q: #204. How many times did Jesus pray in the Bible?**

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**A: The Bible tells us in (**[**1 Th 5:17**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Thess%205.17)**) to “**[**pray without ceasing**](https://jesusalive.cc/pray-without-ceasing)**.” While I don’t believe this literally means to *never* stop praying, I would say that Jesus probably came closer to never stopping than any person who has ever lived on this planet. He was continually in a prayer mode. He is shown to pray: alone (**[**Mt 14:23**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2014.23)**)(**[**Mk 1:35**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Mark%201.35)**)(**[**Lk 9:18**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%209.18)**)(**[**Lk 22:39-41**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%2022.39-41)**), in public (**[**Jn 11:41-42**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/John%2011.41-42)**)(**[**Jn 12:27-30**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/John%2012.27-30)**), before meals (**[**Mt 26:26**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2026.26)**)(**[**Mk 8:6**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Mark%208.6)**)(**[**Lk 24:30**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%2024.30)**)(**[**Jn 6:11**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/John%206.11)**), before important decisions (**[**Lk 6:12-13**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%206.12-13)**), before healing (**[**Mk 7:34-35**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Mark%207.34-35)**), after healing (**[**Lk 5:16**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%205.16)**), to do the Father’s will (**[**Mt 26:36-44**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2026.36-44)**), among other things. He also taught on the importance of prayer (**[**Mt 21:22**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2021.22)**)(**[**Mk 11:24-26**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Mark%2011.24-26)**)(**[**Mt 7:7-11**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%207.7-11)**)(**[**Lk 11:9-13**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%2011.9-13)**)(**[**Jn 14:13-14**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/John%2014.13-14)**)(**[**Jn 15:7**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/John%2015.7)**,**[**16**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Jn%2015.16)**)(**[**Jn 16:23-24**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/John%2016.23-24)**)(**[**Mt 5:44**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%205.44)**)(**[**Lk 6:27-28**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%206.27-28)**)(**[**Mt 6:5-15**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%206.5-15)**: including the Lord’s Prayer)(**[**Lk 11:2-4**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%2011.2-4)**)(**[**Mt 18:19-20**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2018.19-20)**). If you take all of the places that show Jesus praying, you will have a PERFECT outline of how to pray (check out Jn 17).**

**Below are all of the verses I could find in the Gospels that show Jesus praying.**

**(**[**Lk 3:21-22**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%203.21-22)**) At His Baptism.**

**(**[**Mk 1:35-36**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Mark%201.35-36)**) In the morning before heading to Galilee.**

**(**[**Lk 5:16**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%205.16)**) After healing people.**

**(**[**Lk 6:12-13**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%206.12-13)**) Praying all night before choosing His 12 disciples.**

**(**[**Mt 11:25-26**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2011.25-26)**) While speaking to the Jewish leaders.**

**(**[**Jn 6:11**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/John%206.11)**) Giving thanks to the Father before feeding 5000.
(Also see:**[**Mt 14:19**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2014.19)**,**[**Mk 6:41**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Mark%206.41)**,**[**Lk 9:16**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%209.16)**)**

**(**[**Mt 14:23**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2014.23)**) Before walking on water.
(Also see:**[**Mk 6:46**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Mark%206.46)**,**[**Jn 6:15**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/John%206.15)**)**

**(**[**Mk 7:31-37**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Mark%207.31-37)**) While healing a deaf and mute man.**

**(**[**Mt 15:36**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2015.36)**) Giving thanks to the Father before feeding 4000.
(Also see:**[**Mk 8:6-7**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Mark%208.6-7)**)**

**(**[**Lk 9:18**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%209.18)**) Before Peter called Jesus “the Christ.”**

**(**[**Lk 9:28-29**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%209.28-29)**) At the Transfiguration.**

**(**[**Lk 10:21**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%2010.21)**) At the return of the seventy.**

**(**[**Lk 11:1**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%2011.1)**) Before teaching His disciples the Lord’s Prayer.**

**(**[**Jn 11:41-42**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/John%2011.41-42)**) Before raising Lazarus from the dead.**

**(**[**Mt 19:13-15**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2019.13-15)**) Laying hands on and praying for little children.
(Also see:**[**Mk 10:13-16**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Mark%2010.13-16)**,**[**Lk 18:15-17**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%2018.15-17)**)**

**(**[**Jn 12:27-28**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/John%2012.27-28)**) Asking the Father to glorify His name.**

**(**[**Mt 26:26**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2026.26)**) At the Lord’s Supper.
(Also see:**[**Mk 14:22-23**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Mark%2014.22-23)**,**[**Lk 22:19**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%2022.19)**)**

**(**[**Lk 22:31-32**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%2022.31-32)**) Prayed for Peter’s faith when Satan asked to “sift” him.**

**(**[**Jn 17:1-26**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/John%2017.1-26)**) Prayed for Himself, His disciples, and all believers just before heading to Gethsemane.**

**(**[**Mt 26:36-46**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2026.36-46)**) In Gethsemane before His betrayal. (He prayed 3 separate prayers.)
(Also see:**[**Lk 22:39-46**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%2022.39-46)**,**[**Mk 14:32-42**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Mark%2014.32-42)**)**

**(**[**Lk 23:34**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%2023.34)**) Right after being nailed to the cross, Jesus prayed, “Father forgive them; for they know not what they do.”**

**(**[**Mt 27:46**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Matt%2027.46)**) While dying on the cross, Jesus cried out, “My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?”
(Also see:**[**Mk 15:34**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Mark%2015.34)**)**

**(**[**Lk 23:46**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%2023.46)**) In His dying breath, Jesus prayed, “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.**

**(**[**Lk 24:30**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%2024.30)**) Prayed a blessing on the bread before He ate with others after His resurrection.**

**(**[**Lk 24:50-53**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Luke%2024.50-53)**) He blessed the disciples before His Ascension.**

**Some also believe there are verses outside of the Gospels which show that Jesus is still praying (making intercession) on our behalf (**[**Rom 8:34**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rom%208.34)**)([Heb 7:25](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Heb%207.25))([Heb 9:24](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Heb%209.24))(**[**1 Jn 2:1**](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20John%202.1)**), even though He is now in Heaven. However,**[**I do not interpret these verses in this way.**](https://jesusalive.cc/is-jesus-praying-for-us)

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